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Northside Park reopens 60 hours after big blaze

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Well, that didn't take long.

Less than three days after the large wooden playground structure at Otsego's Northside Park was engulfed in flames—the result of suspected arson—the park was open to the public once again.

The fire took place shortly after midnight on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and the park was reopened by noon on Thursday, Sept. 4.

"Thanks to the hard work and quick thinking of our DPW, the park is back open," Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said in a post on the City's Facebook page. "Pretty amazing to take this tape down less than 60 hours after putting it up.

"Charred and burnt equipment was demolished and removed along with the contaminated wood chips. There is some thick dirt that should be avoided (perfectly safe, just muddy), but otherwise have fun."

The fact that Otsego Director of Public Works Mike Bosch was out of town on vacation made the quick turnaround even more impressive, according to Mitchell.

"What a whirlwind," he said. "It was not the ideal week for the playground to be set on fire, with Mike being out of town. And if you know Mike, you know that he handles these unplanned situations very well.

"The good news is that he trained his entire team to be just as responsive and flexible to their work."

Foreman Todd Curry took control of the team in Bosch's absence and was able to assess the damage, remove the damaged equipment and make the necessary repairs to assure its safety.

The part of the playground structure that was damaged by fire at Northside Park was removed, allowing the park to reopen less than 60 hours after a massive blaze. (Photo provided)

"It's pretty remarkable," Mitchell said. "And that' not to mention the fact that the DPW team did not miss any other scheduled projects for the week."

Given the importance of the park to the community, Mitchell was thrilled to have it reopen so quickly.

"These beautiful September days are incredibly precious, and I know many will want to get out there as much as possible before the weather turns," he said. "I was incredibly excited to get it open as soon as we did."

The City continues to work with its insurance provider to expedite the repair and rebuild of the damaged portion of the playground structure.

"Going forward, we will begin the planning of the rebuild for the destroyed portion of the playground," Mitchell said. "At this point, we will be hoping to get the project started and completed in the early spring.

"As decisions are finalized, we will be notifying the community."

Hayrides will again be part of Pumpkins in the Park, which will take place at Hicks Park on Oct. 4. (File photo)

This child dressed up as a washer–complete with laundry soap–for one of the previous Pumpkin in the Park events. (Photo provided)

Pumpkins in the Park set for Saturday, Oct. 4

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Pumpkins in the Park is turning 20.

That's right. The annual autumn tradition in downtown Plainwell is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, with the event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4.

The fun is scheduled to take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hicks Park.

"Come celebrate 20 years of fall fun," organizers said. "This beloved family-friendly, non-profit event is powered by a local family and an amazing team of volunteers—and this year, we're pulling out all the stops."

Here's what's in store for the day:

* Costume contest (show off your spooky or sweet style).
* Games and prizes for kids and families.
* Hayrides around town.
* Downtown trick-or-treating from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
* Food trucks (with tasty eats and fall treats).
* Tons of photo ops and festive fun.

There will be a small fee for games and hayrides.

"Bring your crew and your Boo, your costume and your appetite and help us make this 20th year the most memorable one yet," organizers said.

For more information, visit the Pumpkins in the Park Facebook page at facebook.com/plainwellpip/.

A little one got in the spirit for a recent Pumpkins in the Park event. (Photo provided)

Otsego royalty

During Otsego High School's homecoming football game on Friday, Sept. 12, Colin Fitzpatrick was crowned king, while Grace DeBoer was named queen. (Photo provided)

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Biggest pumpkin weighs-in at 436 pounds

"It wasn't a good year for pumpkins," a woman standing in front of this year's biggest pumpkin in the county commented. "Might not be enough jack-o-lanterns to go around this year," a woman with her added. "Better get yours' early."

This year's grand champion at the pumpkin weigh-in was carefully raised by Mike Vandenberg of Plainwell and registered 436 pounds. That is substantially less than champion pumpkins in recent years, some of which weighed in at a little over half a ton. However, this year was very dry and hot, a combination that is not conducive to raising giant pumpkin. Even the most attentive and highly skilled pumpkin-raiser was up against insurmountable challenges.

There is considerable competition to raise the largest pumpkin, and it goes far beyond the ribbon and hearty congratulations. At the end of the season, when all of the farm work is done and the documentation is completed, the seeds will be carefully harvested. With luck, each will sell for ten dollars - or more.

Winners of the 2025 Allegan County Show Us Your Talent at the Allegan County Fair were announced Sept. 12, 2025. 1st Place = Dallas Belka – singer/guitarist; 2nd Place = Jay Oetman – singer/pianist/composer; and 3rd Place = Kill the Mood, a trio - Riley Morse, guitar/vocals, Cody Hense on bass, and David Bergstrom on drums.

Belka wins Fair talent contest

By Gari Voss

Friday, September 12, 2025, beginning at 6pm, the Youth Building at the Allegan County Fair filled with the instruments and vocals of extremely talented residents of Allegan County. It was the finals of the Allegan County Show Us Your Talent, a primer event during the Allegan County Fair.

Coordinator Greg Howard shared, "All of the acts were extremely talented this year. It was a tough decision."

When the hall settled, the judges tallied and conferred to determine the winners. First Place and winner of $500 was Dallas Belka, who shared his talents as guitarist and singer. Second Place and winner of $250 was Jay Oetman, whose voice filled the hall as he accompanied himself on pieces, one of which he composed. Third Place and winner of $100 went to the trio of Kill the Mood. Biley Morse played lead guitar and added vocals, Cody Hense supported with bass, and David Bergstrom added percussion.

Allegan County can boast many extremely talented amateur performers who can begin rehearsing for the 2026 Allegan County Show Us Your Talent. In the meanwhile, family and friends can enjoy their offerings.

Motorcyclist crashes into vehicle in Walmart parking lot

A motorcyclist was taken to the hospital after a crash in an Otsego Township Walmart parking lot, deputies say.

Just before 2 p.m. Thursday, a 34-year-old Plainwell man was driving a motorcycle in the lot, off of Allegan Street between 12th and 13th Street, when he crashed into a vehicle driven by a 74-year-old woman, according to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office.

The motorcyclist was taken to the hospital in critical condition, deputies say. He was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The sheriff's office says reckless driving and drugs were factors.

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New Laketown Township manager starting Sept. 29

Stephanie Fox, township agree to 2-year contract

Laketown Township has a new manager who will start Sept. 29, 2025.

Stephanie Fox, the new manager, and Supervisor Steven Ringelberg on behalf of the township signed a 2-year contract on Sept. 4.

"I am honored to serve as the next Laketown Township manager," Fox said. "I am eager to work collaboratively with the board, staff, and residents to accomplish the goals of the township. Laketown Township is a wonderful community, and I look forward to ensuring it continues to thrive!"

The contract sets Fox's annual salary at $110,000 with the possibility of a bonus of up to $15,000 if she meets agreed-upon objectives set by the board in her first 30 days. The proposed contract also includes added vacation days requested by Fox and evaluations of her performance after 90 days and 6 months in the first year of the contract.

The search for a manager began after longtime Manager Al Meshkin announced his retirement plans on July 3, 2024. His last day was Jan. 3.

The board hired Ryan Cotton of the firm MGT in August 2024 to guide the process. The first attempt to hire a replacement ended after the finalist withdrew on Jan. 28. The board paused the search in an effort to learn how to better work together, going through training sessions. In June, the board agreed to restart the search.

Stephanie Fox stands by the Laketown Township sign outside the township hall on Sept. 6, 2025. Fox will start her job as manager of the township on Sept. 29.

Fox was chosen as a finalist from a field that started with 45 applicants for the manager position and was narrowed to four for interviews on July 15.

The board voted on July 21 to begin contract negotiations with Fox pending a review of her references. She was called back for a third interview on Sept. 2 after which the board voted to offer her a modified contract with the added evaluations.

Since Meshkin's departure, Ringelberg has been serving as manager. Ringelberg will do a transition and hand off the role to Fox during the week of Sept. 29.

"Laketown has a very good staff to support the manager. I have enjoyed my time as manager, enjoyed getting to know and work with the staff, and enjoyed meeting and working with many residents over the past nine months," said Ringelberg. "I will continue to be involved in improving recycling, trash, and yard waste services in Laketown, and obviously I will continue as supervisor of Laketown. Miss Fox is going to have the support of a strong staff as she learns the job of manager and as she learns about Laketown, its residents, its challenges, and its assets."

Fox will be leaving her current position as executive assistant to the mayor of the City of Kentwood. She was previously administrator of Ionia County, which is east of Kent County. Ionia County has a population of more than 66,000.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe graces the Griswold Stage

By Drew & Vicki Isola, and Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players (ACP) will be performing a dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic story *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* on September 26-28, 2025, with performances on Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 2 & 7pm, and on Sunday at 2pm at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan.

The play, set in the land of Narnia, faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion; his struggle with the White Witch; and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia. This story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.

The play is a dramatization of the C. S. Lewis book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by Joseph Robinette. ACP obtained production rights by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois.

The play is directed by long-time Allegan residents Drew and Vicki Isola who are supported by assistant director and stage manager Lindsay Kruse, producer Marissa Gonzalez, battle choreographer Nate DeCoux, and costumer Amanda Adams. The last play the Isola's directed for the ACP was "Cotton Patch Gospel" which was performed as theater-in-the-round in the basement of the Griswold in 1991.

"We were excited to direct this play because we love the story and look forward to the challenge of bringing this story to life on the stage," said Vicki. "We have over 30 cast members of all ages participating; many of whom are new to the ACP family."

The show stars Xavier Paris, Molleigh DeMann, Jay Joynes, and Theia Rhude as the four Pevensie children, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, respectively. Other cast members include , Mason Haas and Kassidy Bright as Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, respectively; Chris Adams as the Centaur, Kyrstin Herren as the Unicorn, Lane Bright as Mr. Tumnus, Mike Leonard as Fenris Ulf, Whitney Ehresman as the White Witch, Jena Keckler as the Dwarf, Joe Kucharski as Father Christmas, Brooklyn Morton as the Elf, Vanessa Rice and David Clement-Horton as Aslan, with Caia Keckler and Jack Adams as the mice. In addition, the Wood Nymphs are played by Matilda Allen, Ella Hilboldt, Macy Hale, and Piper LaForest; Aslan Followers are played by Brody Hilboldt, Darby DeMann, Caria Rhude, and Arya Keckler; and the Witch's Army are played by Stephanie Fowler, Wyatt Tussey, Rick Moll, Autumn White, William Whitaker, and Holden Whitaker.

Tickets can be purchased online through the ACP website (allegancommunityplayers.org) or the ACP Facebook page. Tickets can also be purchased at the door prior to each performance.

Step through the Wardrobe door into the land of Narnia with Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy during the Allegan Community Player's production of Joseph Robinette's dramatization of the beloved book The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on September 26-28, 2025, at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan. Tickets can be purchased online through the ACP website (allegancommunityplayers.org), on the ACP Facebook page, or at the door.

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Community Calendar - Week of September 15, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Sept. 17, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Wed., Sept. 17, 2025, 6:30pm: "Nerd" themed Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewing Hubbard St. Allegan
Join us for a special "nerd"-themed Pub Quiz in collaboration with Tardy's Underground Comics and Collectibles! Registration begins at 5:30pm.

Wed., Sept. 17, 2025: Bike Nights
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Thurs., Sept. 18, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: The Science of Cotton Candy. All ages can join the Dynamic School Assemblies.
6pm: Great Lakes, Great Stories: Felt Mansion. Register at 269 673-4625 to learn about a century of innovation, elegance, and transformation of the Felt Estate.

Thurs., Sept. 18, 2025, 1-3pm: Hydro Dip Switch plates
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn how to hydro dip using solvent based paints on these oversized switch plate and outlet covers. Register & make payment via https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Fri., Sept. 19, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Professional Pumpkin Carving with the Lord of the Gourd. All ages can learn how to create unique pumpkin creations.
6pm: Teen Tech Night. 6-12 graders can experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3-D printing, and play video games with friends. Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., Sept. 19, 2025, 8:30pm-12:30am: Glow Disc Golf Night
First Baptist Church S. M-40 Allegan
Fun for the family to support the Congregational Kitchen free meals.

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025: Register for Summerhouse Lavender Farm Trip
Early registration for the Oct. 1, 2025, Summerhouse Lavender Farm Trip leaving the First Presbyterian Church at 11:15 am, Returning at 3:00 pm. Picnic Style Lunch provided, bring your own beverage. Music by String Theory. Call 269-993-7678 for more information. $12 for Seniors; $14 for non-seniors

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025, 9am-1pm: Fall Native Plant Sale Pickup
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
Order ahead or drop in to select from leftovers. www.allegancd.org/fallsale

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025, 10am-4pm: Simply Unique Market
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
Enjoy the indoor market of wonderful items.

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025, 10am-4pm: Handmade & Boutique Fall Market
Allegan Fairgrounds 150 Douglas St. Allegan
Come shop in autumn vibes - unique gifts, one-of-a-kind home décor, or must have boutique pieces, there is something for everyone!

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025: Allegan High School 68th Reunion
Trestle Stop Hamilton
The class of 1957, the last class to graduate from the old Allegan High School, will have their 68th class reunion.

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025, 3pm – dusk: Wayland class of 1975 Reunion
City of Wayland Park Wayland
Class Reunion Commemorative 50 year Wayland High School Class of 75. Contact John E. Wobma at johnwobma@gmail.com

Sat., Sept. 20, 2025, 4-6pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sun., Sept. 21, 2025, 12 noon: Final Mud Run
Bear Swamp Mud Run 2293 28th St. Allegan
Get ready to run. Tailgating is allowed with coolers and grills. Plus Hogg's Nest BBQ will be onsite.

Sun., Sept. 21, 2025, 4-6pm: Benefit Concert with Williams Family
Salem Township Park 3003 142nd Ave. Burnips
North Allegan Co. Right to Life is hosting a free Benefit concert featuring The Williams Family Bluegrass Band with refreshments. A free will offering will be taken. If inclement weather, the concert will move inside. For information, contact Anita Lenhart at 616 681-9379 or neetsi505@aol.com.

Mon., Sept. 22, 2025, 3:30pm: Puppet-Building Workshop
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 6-12 can join Mel Hatch as she teaches participants to create puppets. Register at 269 673-4625.

Tues., Sept. 23, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting. All can join the discussion.
4pm: TAB Teen Advisory Board. All teens can brainstorm ideas, share books, and spark new connections.
6pm: Fall Foraging. Certified forager Allison Loraine will cover several species of edible plants as well as their toxic look-alikes, ethical harvesting practices, and basic foraging safety! Register at 269 673-4625.

Wed., Sept. 24, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Play Café. Caregivers can enjoy coffee and conversation while little one enjoy Play-Duh.
3:30pm: Native American History. All ages can learn about the rich culture and history of Native American peoples.

Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Tween STEAAM Club! 4th-7th graders can register at 269 673-4625 to enjoy making edible artwork.

Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025, 1-3pm: Violet Journals
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
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Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 10-11am: Health Hero's Nutrition Class
TBA Allegan
Healthy cooking class for families with children ages 3-5 years old. Register in English or Spanish at bit.ly/families-connected2026.

Fri., Sept. 26, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Sing Song Family Yoga. Kids & caregivers can join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yogi, music, and literacy.
3:30pm: Fantasy Drawing Class. 6th-12th graders can join Natalie Budnick in creating fantasy creatures.

Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 4:30-7pm: Wayland Union Tailgate Party
Wayland Union Steeby Elem. Parking Lot Wayland
Join the Tailgate party hosted by the Wayland Union Education Foundation. Enjoy the Parade, food trucks and activities.

Fri., Sept. 26, 2026, 5-7pm: 4th Friday in Fennville
Celebrate downtown Fennville with food, fun and friends.

Fri., Sept. 26, 2025, 7pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Follow the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy into the Wardrobe as they battle the White Witch.

Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 11am: Jumpstart Your Genealogy
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Join genealogist Megan Heyl to uncover family histories.

Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 7pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Follow the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy into the Wardrobe as they battle the White Witch.

Sun., Sept. 28, 2025, 8am-4pm: Allegan Antiques Market
Allegan Co. Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
Shop the antiques and collectibles.

Sun., Sept. 28, 2025, 2pm: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Follow the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy into the Wardrobe as they battle the White Witch.

Mon., Sept. 29, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
6pm: Bingo. All can play Bingo for prizes.
6pm: Prepare Fair. Sept. is National Preparedness Month so join first responders to learn and plan for safety.

Tues., Sept. 30, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

Tues., Sept. 30, 2025, 1-2pm: Love INC Mentor Training
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Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, 11:15am – 3pm: Summerhouse Lavender Farm Trip
Summerhouse Lavender Farm Trip leaving the First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St. Allegan. Picnic Style Lunch provided, bring your own beverage. Music by String Theory. Call 269-993-7678 for more information. Pre-registration: $12 for Seniors; $14 for non-seniors

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Fri., Oct. 3, 2025, 5-8pm: Halloween Hoot-n-Howl
Downtown Allegan businesses will hold some enchanted sales and offer special twilight hours.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2025, noon-9:30pm: Halloween Hoot-n-Howl (cont.)
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
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A Father's Painful Choice Shows True Honor

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Many of us are grieving the assassination of TPUSA founder, 31-year-old Charlie Kirk. Its unimaginable to me that in this day and age, a person debating students at an outdoor rally in Utah would be murdered.

The assassin has been named as 22-year-old Tyler Robinson. He drove 300 miles to climb a building rooftop, prepare his 30-6 rifle and scope, and fired a single bullet from 150 yards away that killed Kirk instantly.

I'm not here to debate whether Kirk was an American hero or not, however through this tragedy I couldn't help think of the courageous deed the assassin's father committed by turning his own son into the police.

On the surface, it seems unimaginable. Parents are wired to protect. From the time our children are born, we do everything in our power to keep them safe. But there comes a time, in rare and tragic situations, when love takes a different shape. This father faced one of those moments. Faced with the knowledge that his son had committed a grave crime; he made the most painful decision a parent can make: he turned him over to the authorities.

Some will say this was betrayal. Others will say it's proof that today's world has gone cold. But here in our community, we ought to see it for what it truly is: an act of honor, integrity, and faith in something bigger than ourselves.

The Bible tells us in Proverbs that "the Lord delights in those who are truthful." Truth, even when it cuts to the bone, is the foundation of justice. By refusing to cover for his son, this father placed truth and justice above personal comfort. He showed that blind loyalty is not the same as love. Real love means guiding someone—even your own child—back toward accountability and, hopefully, redemption.

We should also remember what this means for the community. Too often, crimes are hidden because family or friends stay silent. "It's not my place," they say, or, "blood is thicker than water." But silence in the face of wrongdoing doesn't protect anyone, it allows hurt to spread, and it denies victims and their families the justice they deserve. This father's courage shows us another way. He set an example not only for his family, but for all of us.

And perhaps most importantly, he set an example for our young people. In an age where shortcuts and excuses are easy to find, this choice reminds us all that doing the right thing often comes at a cost. Honor isn't about comfort. Integrity isn't about convenience. These values are about standing firm in the truth, even when your heart is breaking. Our kids need to hear that message, and they need to see adults living it out.

Here in our community, we know the importance of accountability. We teach it in our churches, in our schools, and in our homes. And while none of us prays to face the choice this father did, his example calls us higher. It reminds us that justice is not just the job of courts and police officers—it starts with ordinary people making hard, honest choices.

This father did not betray his son. He gave him the only chance left—to face what he had done, to accept the consequences, and perhaps to find forgiveness. In doing so, he also gave his community, and the rest of us, a lesson in what true integrity looks like.

May we learn from it. And may we have the same courage, if ever we are called upon to place truth above comfort and justice above silence.

And may we learn from this tragedy, that violence is not the answer for disagreements. Kirk always provided those with opposing views a forum, a debate. That is what are founding fathers wanted when they shaped America, certainly not killing those with opposing views.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

On several occasions, Pat told me that one thing she loved about her father was the first thing he would say in the morning. "Great Day! Wonderful Day! Great Day! That could not have been easy for him because he was saying this in the depths of the Great Depression. As a dentist, sometimes he had to take goods in trade for his services. Pat's mother was a Chicago Publish School teacher, and like others, received promissory notes and scrip instead of a paycheck. He continued saying it even when he was suffering from MS and needed assistance getting out of his wheelchair.

Or perhaps, those of you in and around Allegan remember the area's beloved mail carrier, Marv Voss. Ask him how he was doing and he had just one answer. "GREEEEAAAAAT!" as if he was Tony the Tiger. A mutual friend continues the tradition as a way of honoring Marv.

For some reason, their enthusiasm came to mind, along with a flashback to the morning after the 2016, election. That day, I walked down to the post office to collect my mail and said a quiet 'good morning' to someone I passed on the sidewalk. She turned on me with a fury and shouted that it was not a good morning and it would never again be a good day for the next four years, and maybe longer. Obviously, she was not happy about the outcome of the election.

What led to this short jog down memory lane was when I heard a spiritual being played on the radio. The title was, "Great Day! Great Day! The righteous marchin'" The song originated in the South during the era of legalized slavery. It was a song of defiance then and remained a song of defiance during the worst of the Jim Crow Years. When the Ku Klux Klan came into being during Reconstruction, and then again a century ago, the song was a symbolic way of shaking one's fist at the oppressor. Tragically, the song is making a comeback - not out of nostalgia, but necessity.

Unless someone explained the words to the oppressors, they were probably clueless, believing it was yet another spiritual about going to heaven after death. That was completely wrong. The song was about that great day in the present tense: right here, right now, even when it appears everything was wrong. It was no futuristic pie-in-the sky theology, but about current events. The singers were determined to grasp the day and make it a great one.

Perhaps you are unfamiliar with "Great Day! Great Day!" but those of us of a certain age remember the 1946 Disney movie, Song of the South, where James Baskett sang "Zippity Doo Dah." The words "what a wonderful day," are repeated several times. However, take a look a Mr. Baskett. His hat is in tatters, as are his clothes, so we know he has had a very rough life. Even so, he smiles and he sings, and animals (all cartoon) come up to him like they did to St. Francis of Assisi. The movie has been pulled from circulation because it did not fit someone's agenda and they decided the song had racial connotations. That is unfortunate, because it too is a song of defiance.

We have a long history of songs of defiance. During the dark days of World War Two, Spike Jones and his City Slickers led the Allies with the song, "In D' Fuehrer's Face" - complete with a few Bronx Raspberries stirred in for good measure. It was one of many, and along with them, countless cartoons that made fun of Tojo, Hitler, and Mussolini.

More recently, a group of older southern women have written and sing their own songs of defiance against the current oppression of minorities and immigrants. No one expects them to rise in the popularity charts, much less change the world. That doesn't stop them from expressing themselves. They are doing what they can do, and for them, that is sufficient.

I like that attitude of standing up to oppressors of all colors and stripes. Even the popular song, "Singing in the Rain," is a way of shaking a fist in defiance at weather other people would say was miserable.

And therein is the whole point of all of these songs of defiance. We refuse to let outsiders, natural events, or anything else effect our morale, much less define us.

In 1942, Viktor Frankl and most of his family were kidnapped and shipped off to the Nazi concentration camps. There he watched as thousands of Jews were ordered into the gas chambers, including members of his own family. Each day he watched as more prisoners died from disease, starvation, and the cold. Many of his fellow prisoners, he observed, had given up their will to live.

As a trained and highly acclaimed psychologist, Frankl found great truth in Nietzche's teachings that the most important thing is for each of us to observed that many of those who died had lost sight of what Nietzsche's affirmation, "He who has a why to live can endure almost any how."

In short, we have to fight, push, wrestle, and defy those who seek to restrain us, much less destroy our will and belief system. If we lose that very personal battle, we lose it all.

The news media has always wanted to shovel out the bad news. Whatever bad thing that is happening, from the latest gun violence to the economy to natural disasters, it is the day's news leader. Increasingly, if it is a 'slow news day,' some unscrupulous news media will create something bad or 'spin' a story to make it worse. The reason is simple: bad news sells.

The only publication that printed only good news was GRIT magazine, first published in 1880. It was good news only, and it stayed that way. It's popularity was in the small towns of the Midwest, and surprisingly, its numbers kept increasing throughout the Great Depression and World War Two. Each edition had a variety of departments with useful information on everything from economic meals to poultry raising to good news articles gleaned from around the nation.

It was not just that GRIT served up a big pot-luck dinner of good news, but that much of it was practical, helpful articles that could make a positive difference in the lives of readers. That was the key to its success.

Combine GREAT DAY! with the bright and cheerful lyrics of Zippity Doo Dah, and fold in the practical side by GRIT, and we have an unbeatable recipe for sheer defiance. The weather may be filthy, the economy staggering its way face down into the gutter, politics may be disgusting, and the future looks bleak, but guess what, no one, nowhere, not no-how can change my attitude. Only you have that power, but it is strictly limited to your life.

There is next to nothing you and I can do to fix all the problems in the world. But we can make an intentional decision whether or not those things are going to interrupt our joy of living.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader objects to employee's post about Kirk's murder

To the Editor:

It was shocking to see an employee of First Presbyterian Church in Allegan, post a celebratory video on her Facebook page following Charlie Kirk's murder that contained the caption, "He reaped what he sowed." Now we can add church employees to the long list of others who have cheered the assassination, including teachers, doctors, nurses, and college and university professors.

The employee has since deleted her Facebook account, and the church, instead of addressing this with concerned community members, is choosing to hang up on callers and then contact the Allegan Police Department. I seem to remember it was the presbyterian church that was a staunch advocate of Black Lives Matter, the group that loudly called for defunding the police. The irony and hypocrisy is rich.

But the reprehensible post will have the opposite effect of what she probably hoped. The conservative movement in this country is mobilized and galvanized like never before.

She also said Charlie Kirk "didn't follow God's word." I have news for her: by celebrating the murder of a man who was killed for expressing his beliefs, you don't exactly get a first-class ticket to enter the pearly gates. Ms. Ward would do well to take a good, long look in the mirror.

You can disagree with Mr. Kirk's views - even hate them - but when you celebrate murder, you have lost your claim to humanity.

Kerri Pepoy
Hamilton MI

Deeply saddened by Kirk assassination

Dear Editor:

I am deeply saddened by the cold-blooded assassination of Charlie Kirk. He was both fearless and a master debater with those who had opposing views. He would take on all comers. He would debate them with amazing poise and facts. I only wish I had his amazing talent for having dialogue. Too many of us instead tend to being hostile and argumentative. Charlie Kirk's style should be textbook material on the interchange of viewpoints in both high school and college. This is completely independent of whether you agreed or disagreed with his views.

This assassination has been a long time building in America. Too many have forgotten or never learned how to properly deal with people who see things differently. Hostility has replaced common sense. We don't speak or associate ourselves with people who don't share our exact views. For some this has gone to the extreme that those they disagree with just shouldn't be allowed to exist.

I was reading in the comments in the Daily Mail people's reactions to President Trump dining out. Many commentors stated that the restaurant's staff should do disgusting things to the President's food. I replied to many how wrong this was. This mindset is part of the problem today. Being courteous to those you disagree with in a professional setting has been forgotten.

Now after the assassination of Charlie Kirk I have been reading stories of people that are celebrating or condoning the murder. That is wrong no matter how much you disagreed with Charlie Kirk. Here are some examples pulled from the news.

Mathew Dowd of MSNBC after news of the murder stated that this must have been one of Mr. Kirk's supporters firing a celebratory shot. Mr. Dowd was quickly fired by MSNBC.

Off camera staff at TMZ was heard laughing at the news of Charlie Kirk's assassination. TMZ has tried to apologize.

The US Secret Service has placed on leave an employee that accused Charlie Kirk after his death of spreading "hate and racism".

An Oregon teacher and councilman have been suspended after making remarks that Charlie Kirk asked for it.

Two separate New Hampshire school districts have opened investigations into alleged comments made by two different teachers about the murder of Charlie Kirk.

A Vassar Public School (Michigan) teacher is off the job now after posting online about the death of Charlie Kirk.

A University of Michigan professor posting on X that while "violence isn't the answer, it is a solution. Even if you believe violence isn't the answer, it is a solution, especially to the violent conditions and violent rhetoric spewed by empowered people that create them." This is from School of Education Assistant Professor Charles H. F. Davis. I do hope the University takes appropriate action against Professor Davis. I am sure his family wouldn't want this "solution" taken against the Professor.

Closer to home at the Office Depot in Portage employees accepted an order to make posters for a vigil in Charlie Kirk's memory. When the customer came four hours later to pick up the poster order, the staff had refused to print the order because the employees considered it "propaganda". I hope the Portage Office Depot and corporate management take appropriate actions against these employees.

All the people in these stories are only increasing the problem that exists today. It may even be used as justification for the next assassination.

I will close with most appropriate words from someone I didn't always agree with, Rodney King. "Can't we all just get along?"

Wiliam A. Geresy

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Letters to the Editor

Austin's claims are incorrect says writer

Dear Editor:

A partial response to the letter of Mark Austin.

Several of your claims are not correct. One being that ABC, NBC, CBS, New York Times, etc must provide proof in their reporting. However, they do not always do that. There's things I see in real time on tv that they will distort, edit out certain things, not tell the truth, or don't report on at all. They have lied many times. I also do my research.

Mary Scholten

Who Fights for YOU?

Dear Editor:

As Labor Day passes, we remember which political party secured gains for workers and continues to fight to maintain this landmark legislation and progress:

- August 14, 1935, Democratic President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law. It designed a payment system for regular monthly benefits to retirees and created unemployment insurance to protect families' property and well-being during layoffs.
- 1938, Fair Labor Standards Act established worker protections: a national minimum wage, overtime pay for hours worked beyond 40 in a week and restrictions on child labor.
- 1939, An amendment expanded the program to include benefits for survivors and dependents.
- 1940, regular monthly benefits began to be paid to retirees to protect them from destitution. (Over 70 million citizens today, still rely on these earned benefits.)
- 1956, disability benefits were added.
- 1965, another Democratic President, Lyndon Johnson, signed Medicare and Medicaid into law guaranteeing healthcare for millions. (Medicare covers some 68.8 million in 2025, and Medicaid at least 71.1 million. Another 7 million are in the Medicaid CHIP program.)
- In 2010, Democratic President Barack Obama battled for and signed into law "The Affordable Care Act" to make health coverage more affordable and accessible for the uninsured and under-insured. (24.3 million people are enrolled in 2025.)

Don't take these important Democratic accomplishments and safeguards for workers for granted. While Democrats have stood up for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, promoted child labor laws, safety standards and living wages, the Republicans have sided with Big Business. Trump's "Big Ugly Bill" was a Republican win for the Super Rich –not for workers.

Labor Day is a celebration of Workers. It is and always has been the Democratic Party who values labor.

Bob Bird

Urges readers to ignore RFK Jr. statements

To the Editor

This letter is directed to parents. I urge they ignore the misinformed statements of our current incompetent Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert Kennedy Jr. Mr. Kennedy is not a physician, scientist, researcher or in any way equipped for the position he holds. Rather, he's a dangerous individual engaging in unproven theories, with potential to harm children and communities by his rejection of immunizations.

Dr. Andrew Shattock, PhD, expert consultant to the World Health Organization, as well as numerous expert researchers have demonstrated (2024 data) improved survival health modeling over 50 years of the "Expanded Program on Immunization"; this is worldwide data. It notes that "Infant Vaccinations have had the most crucial impact".

Globally, Infant mortality rates have plummeted over the past 50 years, by 60%, from about 10% in 1974 to less than 3% today; deaths reduced by 154 million. Likewise, Measles deaths by 93.7 million, Tetanus by 7.9 million, Whooping Cough by 13.2 million, Tuberculosis by 10.9 million, Influenza B by 2.85 million, Polio by 1.57 million, all through this global effort.

More needs to be done, not less as being advocated by a growing anti-vaccine movement. Florida's proposal is dangerous. It states that "the State" has no right to direct body issues… an ironic stance as it's OK to dictate women's body decisions!

Florida's anti-vaccination position for school age children not only threatens the health of unvaccinated children, but to any person having contact with an unvaccinated child with early symptoms of an illness that could have been prevented. This danger exists, even with no or very early symptoms of a communicable illness. This risk could be prevented by current vaccination guidelines.

Please parents, safeguard your children and community through proven, effective vaccinations.

Respectfully,
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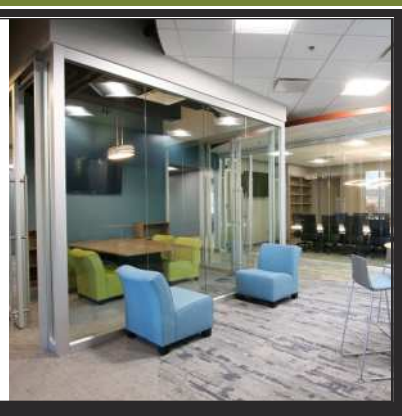

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Good Shepherd Food Booth, a fair tradition since early 1900's

By Gari Voss

As another Allegan County Fair comes to a close, and the carnival disappears, the vendors head down the road, the museum locks the doors in the John Pahn Historical Village, and the animals head to their next destinations, the Good Shepherd Food Booth, tucked back in the Home Economics building, clears out the last of the pies and homemade chili. But the question remains, "How long have you been at the Fair?"

That question cannot be answered definitively without some in-depth research through Fair and church records. Maybe early 1900 newspapers could assist in the answer, but from discussions over the years, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd has offered food at the Fair since around World War I.

One of the most accurate memories is that the church's first food booth was called the Hamburger Hut. It was under the edge of the Grandstand like so many other booths operated by churches from across the county. When the Grandstand was renovated, not the most recent but a previous renovation, the church leaders were asked to move the booth to the Home Economics building. This was not a desired location because it was far from the Midway and Grandstand traffic.

The booth team negotiated and was willing to move if the food booth could be at the Midway end of the building. They settled for the most distant corner. This was with the agreement that two parking places be reserved for the booth's workers to facilitate deliveries and older workers. In addition, around the corner from the large doors was to be a storeroom for paper products and backup chili, BBQ, and hot dogs.

The "new" booth was quite different from the current screened in area with stools and a counter along with a table and chairs to accommodate the handicapped patrons. The whole operation was run with a steam table for homemade Sloppy Joe (BBQ) and homemade chili, a hot dog machine, and an old fashioned fountain drink machine that had Coke, Sprite and Root Beer concentrated syrup, water, and CO2 (carbonated water) – pull the handle down, and if the tanks were attached properly, a cup of soda would appear. Oh, yes, then there were the pies and sometimes other homemade offerings.

Along the way, the health department insisted that the food preparation area be screened. The men went to work and designed a simple screened structure that is extremely versatile today. The counter space, refrigerator, wash sinks were improved, the fountain machine disappeared, and a huge soda pop refrigerator appeared for cans. The storeroom was still a necessity.

Then came the heavy snows, and much of the building's roof collapsed. Fortunately, the corner where the Good Shepherd Food Booth stood sustained minimal damage compared to other areas of the buildings. As construction was completed for the larger building, repairs were made to the Food Booth. The steam table disappeared and was replaced with crockpots and an extra freezer was added. The storeroom was lost, but an additional refrigerator was added just outside the booth.

Over the years, and there must be about 100 by 2025, the booth changed its menu. The hamburgers became Sloppy Joes, Mary Ann's Chili was a mainstay, hot dogs continued, Polish sausage was added, ham and cheese sandwiches appeared, rectangles of school pizza were served thanks to a microwave, pulled pork sandwiches came on the scene, the Sloppy Joes disappeared, the pizza disappeared, but a mainstay was the pie.

The pies were made by the women of the church in their home kitchens. One of the women would spend the weeks before the fair opened contacting everyone and anyone to make pies. She would maintain a chart of who would bring what flavor of pie on which day. With organization, there would be a nice variety of pies each day, but there may be one flavor one day and not the next. Some pies were in 8-inch pans and others in 10-inch pans. Regulars to the booth were quite specific at times regarding what they wanted.

About twenty plus years ago, the decision was made to begin a pie brigade at the church. A temporary license was obtained for the church kitchen, and the ladies along with some of the men and teens went to work. All pies were made and frozen. With two upright freezers and a huge chest freezer, a couple hundred pies could be made during the summer, frozen, then baked during the Fair. All were in 9-inch pans. Added to the menu were walnut and chocolate pecan pies.

In 2025, the Good Shepherd Food Booth continued the tradition. Hot dogs and Kielbasa could be found in the hot dog machine, chili and pulled pork were in crockpots, and the ham and cheese were kept in the refrigerator. To assist the vegetarians, Sue's Veggie Chili became a favorite along with Black Bean burgers. The pies were made fresh twice daily – apple, Dutch apple, blackberry, blueberry, cherry, peach, red raspberry, rhubarb, and strawberry rhubarb along with pecan and chocolate walnut pies.

What keeps the Good Shepherd Food Booth operating is not a unique menu, but the people who are willing to spend 3 to 4 hours a couple days during the Fair to serve the customers. These are not food service employees. They are all volunteers who say "yes" when called, or they inquire as the Fair approaches to ask if they can work. New recruits may come in feeling a bit apprehensive, but the one thing they learn is that they will see friends and neighbors who come to sit and enjoy an affordable meal or meet complete strangers.

Good Shepherd does not carry forward the tradition of its Food Booth because it makes a huge profit. The desire is to offer good food at prices that a family can afford while enjoying the Allegan County Fair.

As the 2025 Allegan County Fair comes to a close, the members of Good Shepherd want to thank all those who frequent the Food Booth over the years or discover it for the first time, all who work at "slinging hash", and all who spent their Wednesday evenings during July and August making pies. The people are the blessings because they have made the Episcopal Good Shepherd Food Booth a tradition at the Fair.

For those who want a whole pie, frozen pies can be purchased by calling (269) 673-2254. Inform the secretary or leave a message with your name, phone number, and the flavors of pies you desire, and the order will be filled. These pies can sit in the freezer for special occasions or just for a snowy day in January.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd has operated a food booth at the Allegan County Fair since the early 1900s. The desire has been to provide a good meal at an affordable price, but what they have become known for is homemade pie. Though it is tucked away at the back corner of the Home Economics building, fairgoers who find it often return year after year to enjoy a meal, a slice of pie, sometimes with ice cream, and a moment to chat with friends or strangers. Photo: Jim Kauppi

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Fennville Homecoming Queen and King crowned

The ballots were tallied and on Friday, September 12, 2025, seniors Lily Achterhof and Trinity Solis were crowned Fennville Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the Fennville and Tri-Unity Christian football game. It was a beautifully, joyous evening for Homecoming and a Black Hawk victory over the Tri-Unity Christian in a fast-paced 8-player game.

Allegan High School Class of 1958

Back Row(Left to Right)
Darlene Veenkant Hollander; Irv Immink; Robert O'Connell; Betty Edgin Schultz; Nancy Clawson Eggleston; Nancy Roozenberg Minegar; Bonnie VanLaan Stone; JoAnn Shoemaker Flora; Jerry Nanna; Gary Waddell

Front Row:(Left to Right): Michael Frampton; Gert Herpst Chappell; Judy Plotts Wright; Doris DeVerville Briggs; Joan Pickens Simmons; Norm Jurries; Jim Damber (Barbara Smith Taylor not pictured)

Classmates and their guests met at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton for a luncheon on August 9, 2025 to celebrate their 67th year. It was great to see our friends from Michigan as well as Florida, Oregon and Texas.

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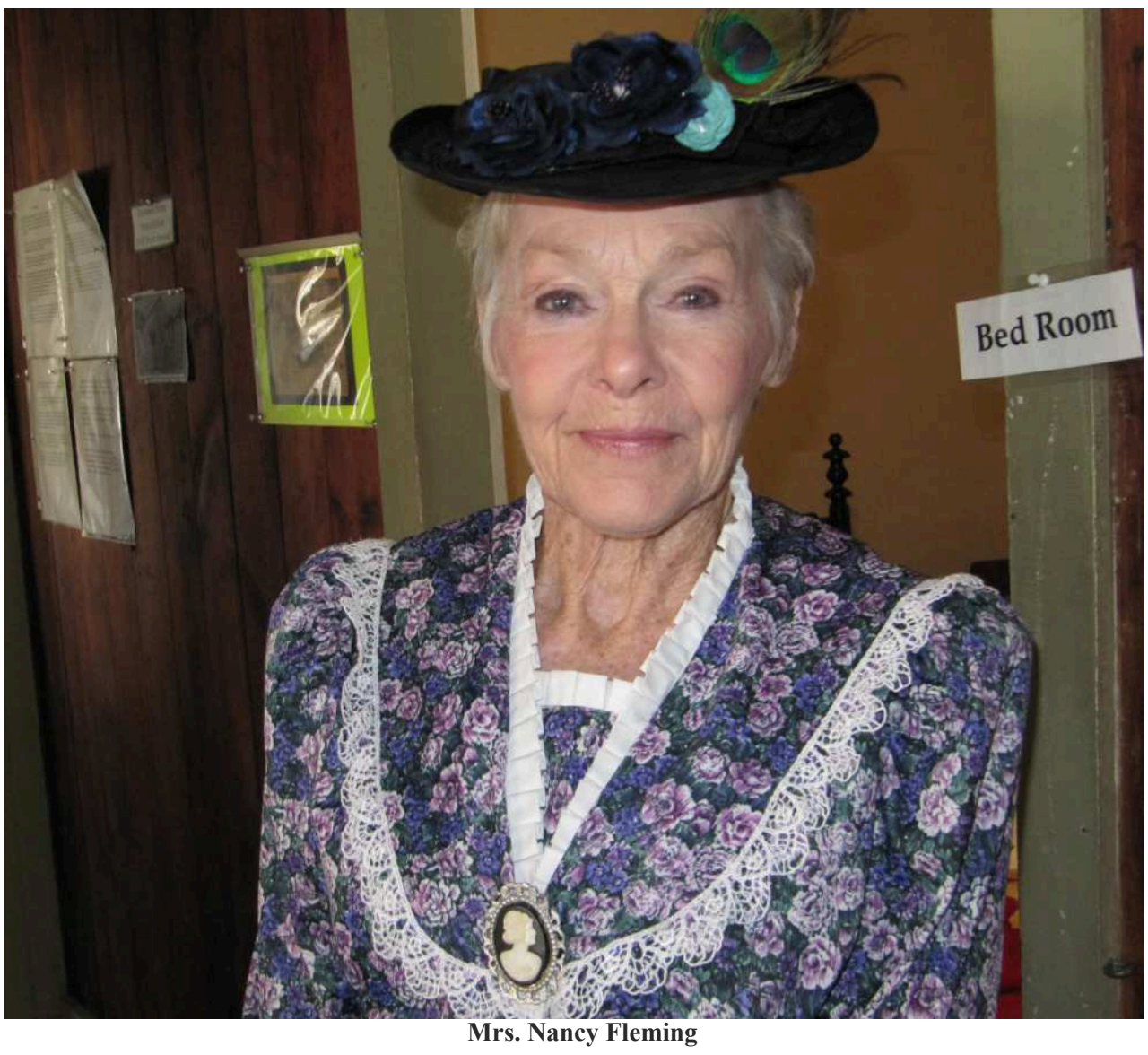
Fair's Historical Village a favorite for young and old

By G.S. Stoppel

Visitors to the Allegan County Fair rarely miss seeing the historical village without trying very hard to do so. It is an impressive display that includes, among other things the two large barns filled with antique farm and domestic equipment from the past, the old-style filling station, and a line of small buildings. Visitors can peer into the blacksmith shop and old school or enter the 1840s house.

Younger children attend a short class in the school building and sometimes suffer through "the Olds" saying that they went to a school just like this one. They are given their homework assignment: Each student has to find four special things to note in each building.

Part of the fun is to listen to school children moan, "ewwwww" at the small frame house and small rooms or laugh as they play with for a few minutes with some of the antique objects in what was traditionally known as "the front parlor." The family kept this room extra clean and well organized when they entertained visitors.



Mrs. Nancy Fleming

The front parlor was special because this was an era when women devoted several afternoons each week to calling on one another. In some communities the local paper published the 'society column' on the right side of the front page. Periodically, there would be an announcement of the hours and days when the "Lady of the house" (in this case, Mrs. Nancy Fleming) would be "at home." In other words, receiving guests. There would be gentile conversation and light refreshments until it was time to move on to the next house.

The decades have passed, but for the last dozen years or more, during the 9 days of the county fair, Mrs. Fleming is "at home" from 9 in the morning until dusk - or later. At the sound of the door opening, she walks into the front parlor to greet her guests. Sometimes guests will look at her, stunned to see her in costume from the last decades of the eighteen hundreds.

These are not costumes available on-line. She carefully hand-makes her own dresses and hats and selects the appropriate accessories. There is one outfit for each day. When the last hat pin is in place, she instantly assumes her role as the Lady of the House, and Lady Ambassadress from the Gilded Age. But watch out, she might gently reprimand a visitor for not being appropriately attired for the county fair of her era!

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Some people create a Bucket List of the things they want to do and places they want to go before they pass away (i.e. Kick the Bucket.) This week's question: What is your list of things you want to accomplish before the end of the year?

-Young girl with her mother near the grocery store in Fennville. She motioned me to move closer and whispered: "I've saved up my baby-sitting money so I can take Momma to a Dairy Queen for a 'Really No Special Reason Day. She said we could go there today."

-Older couple, same location. Man, "Nothing, I guess. We're getting too old for stuff like that." The woman nodded in agreement, then added, "Been there; done that."

-Man near the Blue Goose: "I still need to get the shed painted. I'm waiting for that sweet spot. You know, when weather not too cold or hot." His friends laughed, "You've been saying that for a couple of years." First man, again, "And don't forget I got to wait for the boards to be dry, too." All laugh.

One of the men in the grand kids to the corn maze over to Crane's. They like it and I get a kick out of it. Their mother always counts noses to make sure I bring all of them back."

-Couple near the Allegan Public Library: Man: "Nothing this year." Woman, "We're hoarding every penny we can 'cause things are going to get a lot worse."

-Man near the Old Jail Museum: "I'd like to go deer hunting out west just this one last time. A bunch of us used to do it, and now some of them are gone. I'd like to go one last time, but the wife, she says my health isn't up to it.

-Woman near the Huntington Bank: "Apple picking with my mom."

-Friend with her: "And don't forget we've got to take the kids shopping for Halloween."

-First woman: "Say, that's right! And I got to get some new pencils. My son said he didn't like those #2 pencils he had last year, so I'm going to see if they have some #1's."

-Friend: "They DON'T even make a #1 pencil. He's pulling your leg. Again."

-First woman: "And I fall for it every time."

-Couple near the Allegan Post Office: Woman: "I think things are sort of winding down for the summer. I'm ready for a break until we have to gear up for Halloween." Man: "Parker [Johnson] has done a wonderful job with entertainment for the town." Woman: "He sure has. He always done."

-Another couple, same area, Man: "I think we're pretty well done with the summer for this year. Until it got so hot, we did a lot. I'm satisfied." Turns to his wife, "What about you?" "Yes, it's been hot a lot."

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A special presentation during the Ladies Day Program at the Allegan County Fair is the crowning of the Young Homemaker of the Year. The 2025 competition brought four wonderful young homemakers to the foreground. Each expressed their delight in being able to support their families in a variety of ways. Pictured: #4 Kiona Assink; #3 Janaya McKeon; #2 Michelle Sinclair; and Young Homemaker #1 Laura Abbott

Abbott crowned Homemaker of the Year

By Gari Voss

Ladies Day 2025 at the Allegan County Fair was a huge success! Over 400 ladies were in attendance, and because of generous businesses throughout Allegan County, the organizers were able to give away tons of door prizes! Donor generosity helped make the morning festivities a great success.

The ladies enjoyed coffee and delicious donuts from Brookside Farms, complements of the Allegan County Fair and the Allegan Credit Union, a division of Ignite Credit Union.

The selection committee announced the 2025 Allegan County Young Homemaker. Congratulations go to Laura Abbott of Gobles. Laura is a mother of four children and loves her opportunity to stay home with them and impact their lives in a variety of ways.

The selection team was extremely impressed with the three runner-up young homemakers, Michelle Sinclair of Dorr #2, Janaya McKeon of Allegan #3, and Kiona Assink of Gobles #4. Each of these ladies has a strong love for their role as a homemaker.

Becky Wallace, the program's speaker, celebrated the women in the audience and encouraged everyone to "let their sparkle shine" by leaving a lasting legacy of love, laughter, and encouragement.

To add another spark to the program, Andy Paul of Allegan extended the celebration through special music.

"For the past 31 years, Becky and I have loved serving the ladies of Allegan County," shared Joni Brummel. "We look forward to seeing you all again next year."

Fair attendance slightly down, livestock sale posts record high

The Allegan County Fair experienced another good year. The fairgrounds was an exciting place to be with new rides, entertainment acts, Pork Chop Revue, a glass blower, harness racing, animals, food, wheel shows, rodeo and the parade.

Estimated attendance was 328,320. This was slightly down from the 2024 attendance of 334,678.

Jeff Dunham and Gabriel Iglesias was the top show at the grandstands. They entertained to a packed house on opening night. The Demo Derbies and Rodeo also did very well.

The Youth Livestock Sale set another record in sales- $936,633. This is up from the old record that was set in 2024 of $817,786.

SUMMARY

Otsego Township
September 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Winn.

Members Present: Winn, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Gudith, Moll, Burns, Bumgart.

Members Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approved Minutes from the August 11th regular meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $311,718.34.

Approved the updated Investment Policy as presented.

Approved the authorization of the Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk to make deposits on behalf of the Township.

Adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

Submitted by: Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk.

OBITUARY

Donald E. Gleason Sr., 91

Donald E. Gleason Sr.

Donald E. Gleason Sr. age 91 of Allegan Michigan, passed from this earth into the loving arms of Jesus, Saturday September 6th 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born in Allegan Michigan on August 13, 1934, to Lester and Lydia Marie (Trimm) Gleason. In 1954 Don married his beloved wife of 71 years, Linda (Thompson) Gleason. Together they raised four children, Rusty (Don Jr.), Thresa, Ron, and Lucy.

The couple raised their children with a love for bowling, hunting, camping, fishing, and horses. His children and grandchildren continue to enjoy many of these hobbies.

Don always looked forward to the Allegan County Fair and as far as the family can remember he never missed a year of attending. He especially loved watching the horse races, horse pulls, and anything tractor. For many years Don drove his T-Bird in the fair parade. He helped with the children's pedal power tractor pull event for several years, and he and Linda volunteered as overseers for the historic church building at the fair, through the Allegan Historic Society.

Another special place in Don's heart was the property in Baldwin, MI that he and Linda owned. They spent many happy weekends there in the summer. He always loved going to Jones Ice Cream shop while they were there.

As his children grew into adults, Don never missed an opportunity to prank them or lovingly tease them and they always returned the favor.

Don/Grandpa loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He attended as many of their events as he could. They will always have fond memories of the donuts that he and Linda/Grandma made together and served with apple cider on Halloween. Many of those grandchildren were by his bedside during the last weeks of his life.

Don worked many jobs as a young adult before purchasing a sawmill with Linda in 1975. Eventually the couple sold the mill to their oldest son, Rusty. Gleason's Crating has now been in operation for 50 years.

Don is preceded in death by his parents Lester and Lydia Marie Gleason, five brothers; Bill, Bob, Charles, Walt, and Roland who died as a child. Two sisters; Lillian and Ermahgene.

Surviving are his wife Linda (Thompson) Gleason, children Don Jr./Rusty (Gladys) Gleason, Theresa Prolo, Ron (Shawn) Gleason, Lucy (Phil) Norman, grandchildren Don III (Katie) Gleason, Anthony Gleason, Joe (Nichole) Prolo, Alissa Harpe, Daniel Boutain, Kyle (Rita) Gleason, Rick Gleason, Tiffani (Matthew) Brooks, Elisha (Ryan) Enderich, Ashley (Chance) Collins, 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great-granddaughters, cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

Don lived a full and blessed life. As per his wishes, Don has been cremated. A celebration of life open house is planned for Sunday October 12th 2025 from 3pm – 5pm at The First Congregational Church of Allegan (323 Cutler St., Allegan, MI 49010)

In leu of flowers, donations may be made to Compassus Hospice, 5136 Lovers Ln. Suite 200B, Portage, MI 49002 (https://www.compassus.com/about-us/giving-and-donations/)

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Plainwell's annual Scarecrow contest set for October

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The City of Plainwell is now accepting registration forms for this year's Scarecrow, Harvest and Sculpture Contest.

Entries for the contest—which can be found at the City of Plainwell's website—must be completed and returned by Friday, Sept. 26. Forms should be dropped off at Plainwell City Hall at 211 N. Main Street.

Any individual, group or business can enter the contest. There is no entry fee.

Displays can go up on Monday, Sept. 29, and must be dismantled by Tuesday, Nov. 4. They can be affixed to lamp posts, staged in front of participating businesses or affixed to a bench along North and South Main Streets as well as E. Bridge Street on M-89 and the downtown plaza.

For businesses that choose to participate, displays will be placed as close to the business as possible.

Public voting will take place from Monday, Oct. 6, through Friday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m.

Awards will be given in two categories: Best in Show and the People's Choice Award.

Judging for Best in Show will be conducted by an independent panel, while the People's Choice Award will be determined through a public vote. Voting takes place on the city's Facebook page.

Winners will be announced at the City Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 10.

All displays should include the name of the participant for identification purposes. Displays must be weather-resistant, with the city reserving the right to remove any scarecrow or sculpture that does not hold up to the natural elements.

All displays must be secured with zip ties or string. No medal or wire is allowed on any downtown light pole, fixture or bench.

Anyone needing help with setup should contact Siegel so arrangements can be made with the Plainwell Department of Public Works.

Other specifics for displays include:

* Structure: Each scarecrow must have a horizontal support of wood for the body (2"x4" post preferred). This support is needed as each scarecrow will be wired to a steel light post for display. Please do not use perishable goods as part of the construction of your piece.

Hay bales can be used for the bodies as well or any other material, as long as it has a solid base for display purposes. Other displays can include pumpkins, hay bales, wooden frames, etc.

Any hay bales must be enclosed in a casing to keep the hay/straw together to avoid blowing onto the sidewalk.

* Size: There is a minimum height of three feet and the displays cannot be taller than 5-foot-7 if being placed along M-89 and Main St.

* Display: For voting purposes, a number will be assigned to your entry, but you can provide an 11x17 inch sign that is attached to the front of your design.

This sign will include your scarecrow's name and description, your business/organization name and 30 words or less advertising your business, organization or group, if applicable.

Displays must be removed by Friday, Nov. 4. Any displays that are still up will be removed by the city beginning Wednesday, Nov. 5, and will become sole property of the city.

Scarecrows and other sculptures will soon take up residence in downtown Plainwell once again. It's part of the City's Scarecrow, Harvest and Sculpture Contest that takes place each October, leading up to Halloween. Registration is due by Friday, Sept. 26. Seen are some of the entries in previous contests. (Photos provided)

Otsego shows school spirit with homecoming parade

Beginning Monday, Sept. 8, Otsego Public Schools celebrated homecoming week. In addition to various dress-up days at each of the district's school buildings throughout the week, other activities included the annual Powder Puff football game and the always-popular homecoming parade.

The parade took place on Friday, Sept. 12, running down Farmer Street before turning down Washington Street and ending up at the high school prior to the homecoming football game against Three Rivers.

And while the outcome of the game wasn't what the Otsego faithful had been hoping for--the Bulldogs lost 31-6--the week was a fun one for students and staff nonetheless. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Saugatuck cross country teams place second at Holly

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HOLLY—Under the leadership of the husband/wife team of Rick and Angelina Bauer, the Saugatuck cross country team has never shied away from tough competition.

Case in point: the Trailblazers moved up a Division at the Holly Duane Raffin Festival of Races on Saturday, Sept. 13, in order to compete against some bigger schools they don't otherwise have the opportunity to race.

The result was runner-up finishes for both the Saugatuck girls and boys teams in a field comprised largely of Division 2 teams.

Saugatuck is in Division 3 for MHSAA classification, with both ranked second in the most recent state poll.

"I could not be more proud of how our runners rose to the challenge today," Rick Bauer said. "Second place (against this level of competition) is no small feat.

"Both our boys and girls went up against top-ranked teams and showed tremendous heart, discipline and teamwork."

The Saugatuck girls finished with 67 points, putting them just 13 points behind winner Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, which is ranked 13th in Division 2.

"We purposely opted up a division at Holly to see the better competition," Angelina Bauer said. "(The strong finish) is a reflection of the hard work all summer and season—early mornings, tough workouts and believing in one another."

Members of the Saugatuck boys cross country team are seen at the start of the Holly Invitational. (Photo provided)

A trio of Saugatuck runners earned top-10 finishes: Kamryn Sixberry was sixth at 19:51, Alina Martinson was seventh at 19:55 and Livia Curtis was 10th at 20:22.

Ellyse Heyser was 20th at 21:11 and Savannah VanDenBerg rounded out Saugatuck's scoring runners, placing 27th at 21:26.

"This is such a fantastic group of hardworking and fun girls," Angelina Bauer said. "They know how to have fun, but they know how to focus as well."

The Saugatuck boys, meanwhile, finished with 84 points. Only Flint Powers Catholic—the second-ranked team in Division 2—fared better, checking in with 32 points for the win.

Hillside Academy—ranked second in Division 4—was third with 87 points.

Marcus Silva paced Saugatuck, checking in at 16:39 to place eight. Fellow junior Grant Rehkopf joined him in the top 10, placing 10th at 16:44.

Sophomores Ira Brown (17:07) and Jackson Bowman (17:18) placed 13th and 17th, respectively, while senior Sammy Gamboa was Saugatuck's fifth and final scoring runner. He placed 36th at 17:57.

Thompson leads Fennville to homecoming victory

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—It's kind of difficult to host a homecoming football game with no opponent.

Yet that's the situation the Fennville football team found itself facing when the Bloomingdale—which had been scheduled to come to town for the homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 12—announced it was canceling the remainder of its season due to low participation numbers.

But in a Facebook post at 3:12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, Fennville High School principal announced homecoming would go on, after all.

"Thanks to the hard work of our athletic department, we are excited to announce that we were able to schedule a varsity football contest for Friday night," Frens said. "Grand Rapids Tri-Unity Christian will be traveling to Fennville to take on our Fennville Blackhawks."

That was good news for the Blackhawks and their fans.

The better news? Fennville won the game 58-6 to improve to 2-1 for the season.

"We're very grateful to Tri-Unity for coming to play us and allowing us to have our homecoming game as planned," Fennville coach Wendell Hughes said.

Fennville quarterback Carter Thompson starred in the game, gaining an average of nearly 11 yards on his nine carries as he finished with a game-best 98 yards. Three of those carries resulted in trips to the end zone, as he scored on a pair of eight-yard runs and a 24-yard run.

All three of Thompson's TD scampers came in the first quarter. That helped put Fennville up 28-0 after the opening period, a lead that grew to 42-0 at halftime.

Thompson also hurt Tri-Unity with his arm, completing both of his passes for a total of 55 yards. Ely Schut (34 yards) and Trinity Solis (21 yards) each had one reception.

"It was a great day to be a Blackhawk," Hughes said. "I was super happy for our seniors to get a win on homecoming night."

Four other Blackhawks each scored one rushing touchdown: Solis (21 yards in the second quarter), Zay Peoples (25 yards in the second quarter), Sam Kramer (22 yards in the third quarter) and Brody Callejas (32 yards in the fourth quarter).

Callejas finished with 56 yards on four carries, while Peoples had 46 yards on two carries, Solis had 38 yards on three carries and Kramer had 30 yards on five carries.

Kolton Hagger chipped in with 28 rushing yards on two carries.

Ashton Halcomb started the game's scoring by taking the opening kickoff 92 yards.

Defensively, Solis and Khodell Bernard led the way with 3.5 tackles each. Jayden Sneller added three tackles.

Fennville QB Carter Thompson finds running room against Tri-Unity Christian. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Watson lifts Martin football to win

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—With a big Week 4 game looming against Gobles, it would have been easy for the Martin football team to overlook Week 3 opponent Holton.

That didn't happen.

As they did in their previous two games this season, the Clippers (3-0) scored early and often against the visiting Red Devils, rolling to the 63-8 triumph.

Bryer Watson led the offensive onslaught for Martin, rushing for a game-topping 129 yards on just five carries—a staggering 26-yard-per-carry average. Two of Watson's carries resulted in touchdowns.

As if that wasn't enough, Watson also caught a pair of passes for 86 yards and another TD.

"Bryer had a great game," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said of Watson, who also had an 80-yard punt return for a TD. "He showed that we are not just one dimensional with Haylen (Buell), but that we have other weapons as well."

Seth Toris was close behind, amassing 106 yards on five carries—good for a 21-yards-per-carry average—and found the end zone three times.

Weson Elkins also got into the mix, adding a rushing touchdown to go with a 50-yard scoring catch from quarterback Buell.

Buell's younger brother, freshman Zaiden Buell, finished the night with seven carries for 63 yards and a rushing touchdown. The younger Buell also threw a touchdown pass.

Much of that offensive success can be traced to the standout play of the offensive line, according to Martin coach Brad Blauvelt.

"Our offensive line is starting to really mesh and that is key to making a playoff run," Blauvelt said. "We rushed for over 300 yards for the third straight game.

"Offensive lineman Peyton Schuring Harris and James Gruber dominated the line of scrimmage all night and the defense was physical at the point of attack."

Speaking of the defense, Isaac Suk had 10 tackles to give him double-digit tackles for the third time in three games this season. Zaiden Buell notched six tackles, while Toris and Hartley each added four tackles to go with an interception each.

Anderson Keeler had four tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

"Defensively, we gave them very little room and were quick to the point of attack," Blauvelt said.

With Holton now behind them, the Clippers quickly turned their attention squarely to Gobles, who will host the Week 4 matchup and also sits at 3-0.

"It's a big week coming up," Blauvelt said. "We have some tough games ahead that we need to have great focus, but we are looking forward to the challenge.

"This is possibly the last time we will play Gobles at Gobles for a very long time, so we are eager to make a strong showing.

"We still have room for a lot of growth both mentally and physically. This team has great potential, we just need to continue to get better each day."

Visiting Tigers outlast host Clippers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Fans who attended the SAC volleyball showdown between host Martin and visiting Allegan on Tuesday, Sept. 10, got their money's worth.

After the Tigers took the first two sets by matching scores of 25-21, the Clippers roared back to win sets three and four by respective scores of 25-17, 25-18.

That set the stage for a decisive fifth set, which Allegan won 15-11 to emerge victorious.

Allegan players react after winning a point against Martin. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"Our girls battled," Allegan coach Mandy Matthews said. "It was an exciting match, and we were able to come out on top."

Martin coach Shannon Goddard was impressed with Allegan's scrappy style of play on the defensive end.

"Allegan did a fantastic job not letting the ball hit the floor," Goddard said. "We haven't seen anyone that scrappy yet this season."

Serving struggles also hurt the Clippers.

Martin missed 19 serves in the match.

"That's very uncharacteristic of us," Goddard said of the serving woes. "It's hard to make up that many free points you give the other team."

Allegan's Sienna Cariker, meanwhile, delivered a critical run of serves throughout the match, including an ace to close out a set. Addy Fales was perfect at the service line for the Tigers.

"The girls showed grit and consistency, with strong serving across the board," Matthews said.

At the net, Kamaraye Christman and Kylah Morehouse came up with some key blocks for Allegan, while Emma Scheffler and Camdyn Drozd each racked up key kills.

"Camdyn was especially clutch in the final set," Matthews said.

Setter Aubrey Fulton had a standout performance for Allegan as well.

"Aubrey chasing down every ball, tallying both digs and assists," Matthews said. "Her determination and leadership kept the team steady all night."

In the back row, Fales and Mya Corbett anchored the Allegan defense with tough digs against hard swings from the Clippers.

"It was a true team win," Matthews said. "The girls showed heart, resilience and determination to pull it out in five."

For Martin, Mackenzie Schwartz led with 14 kills, followed by Anna Jager with 11 and Kylie Myers with five. Kendra Goddard led with 36 digs, while Schwartz had 26 and Marybeth Ritchie had 20.

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Athlete of the Week

Emma Hoffman
Otsego
Cross counry

Considered one of the top cross country runners in the state entering the season, University of Colorado commit Emman Hoffman hasn't disappointed.

Hoffman's strong season continued at the Spartan Invitational at Michigan State University on Friday, Sept. 12, where she posted a personal-record time of 17:10 to place second in the Elite Division.

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Trailblazers cruise to win

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

NILES—Back when Dan Patrick was a regular anchor on ESPN's "SportsCenter," one of his catchphrases was "you can't stop him, you can only hope to contain him."

Well, the Niles Brandywine defense definitely wasn't able to stop Saugatuck senior running back Max Page on Friday, Sept. 12. And the Bobcats didn't do much to contain him, either.

Page torched Brandywine for 203 yards on 15 carries—a 13.5-yards-per-carry average—with five rushing touchdowns to lead the Trailblazers to the 64-18 win.

The victory was the second in a row for Saugatuck following a season-opening loss.

"This was a big win on the road with a huge night by Max Page," Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn said. "Max is one of our senior captains, and he did a great job."

Not that Page accomplished that feat alone.

"It was another excellent job upfront by the offensive line," Dunn said.

Page started the scoring with a 4-yard run in the first quarter. He added a 3-yard scoring run in the second quarter, before finding the end zone three times in the third stanza on runs of 59, 20 and 25 yards.

In addition to Page, two other Saugatuck players—Will Soule and Alek Diaz—found the end zone on the ground. Soule (56 yards on six carries) scored on a 3-yard run in the second quarter, while Diaz (46 yards on two carries) scored on a 43-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Saugatuck quarterback Walt Bos also got into the scoring act, finding older brother Sam Bos for a 35-yard touchdown.

Saugatuck—which led 7-0 after one quarter, 22-0 at halftime and 40-12 after three quarters—also got a defensive score from Jack Drummond on a 30-yard interception return in the final quarter.

"The defense did a great job of containing Brandywine's most explosive player, Kaeden Warfield, and creating turnovers that were converted into points," Dunn said.

Dunn couldn't find much about the game he was unhappy about.

"We did a great job in all three aspects of the game," he said. "The offense took care of the ball with no turnovers. The defense created four turnovers that the offense was able to convert to points and Dante Holley and our special teams play was outstanding."

Holley was a perfect 7-for-7 on extra-point kicks. He also threw for a 2-point conversion in the first quarter following a bad snap on a PAT attempt.

Page racked up a team-best eight tackles, with Drummond going for five. Bos had 4.5 and Nolan LaLonde chipped in with four.

Saugatuck quarterback Walt Bos (2) gets protection from Will Soule. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Mason Leslie joined Drummond with an interception, while Soren Peterson and Carlos Perez each recovered a fumble.

Fennville, Saugatuck tie in soccer

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—The boys soccer showdown between archrivals Saugatuck and Fennville on Monday, Sept. 15, ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Blackhawks started the scoring, getting a first-half goal from Angel Villalobos. Saugatuck got the equalizer in the second half when Chase Seeley found the back of the net off an assist from Dante Holley.

And that's where the game ended.

Henry Gannon made 16 saves for the Trailblazers.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Saugatuck cruised to a 7-0 win over Hart. Holley and Charlie Robison led the way with two goals and an assist each, while Justin Crawford, Grady Gross and Nicoli Viten-Johansen each scored once.

Tommy Bullinger had two assists.

On that same day, Fennville best Black River 4-2.

Villalobos and Josue Bahena each scored twice for the Blackhawks. Chava Carranza was credited with two assists, while Ethan Coffindaffer had one assist.

SAC holds first cross country jamboree at Warner Camp

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GRAND JUNCTION—The SAC cross country jamboree at Warner Camp on Wednesday, Sept. 10, has special meaning for members of the Saugatuck boys and girls teams.

The Trailblazers dedicated the races to the memory of Brett DeMond, a longtime supporter of the program who passed away last month.

DeMond was a driving force behind the Town Crier Races, which serve as the primary fundraiser for the Saugatuck cross country and track programs.

"Our athletes ran with both purpose and gratitude today," Saugatuck girls coach Angelina Bauer said. "We're proud to honor Brett's legacy through our effort and commitment on the course."

The Saugatuck girls won their race with 33 points—28 points better than runner-up Hackett—while the Saugatuck boys were second with 68 points.

Black River won the boys race with 41 points.

"We were very pleased with our performance," Bauer said.

Martin was fourth in the girls race with 104 points, while Allegan was 11th (307) and Fennville was 12th (311).

"We know that there are some pretty good teams in our league, so we are happy to have the competition and go after reclaiming the title," Bauer said.

The Saugatuck girls had a streak of 13-straight conference title that was snapped in 2020. The Trailblazers have been trying to get back to the top of the standings ever since.

"We've have been clawing our way back to where we were, and it feels great to be back in the position where we can be competitive with the top again," Bauer said. "Our girls have put in the work and have worked extremely hard to revive and restore traditions that were killed during the COVID seasons.

Saugatuck's Alina Martinson

"Those traditions had helped us to many championships and top-10 finishes (at the State Finals), and these girls brought them back without having seen an example. They understand our program's history and are focused on making their own history. They're living in the moment, enjoying the ride and loving racing."

Saugatuck's Alina Martinson was second overall in the girls race with a time of 19:19, with teammate Kamryn Sixberry close behind in third at 19:20. Lyvia Curtis was broke the 20-minute mark, placing sixth at 19:54.

Ellyse Heyser was 10th at 21:13 and Savannah VanDenBerg was 12th at 21:15.

Martin's Veyda Conley had a strong showing, placing fifth at 19:43. Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker was 13th at 21:27.

Marisol Diaz had the best showing for Fennville. She placed 50th at 24:38.

In the boys race, Saugatuck got a fifth-place effort of 16:56 from Grant Rehkopf. Ira Brown (12th at 17:34), Sammy Gamboa (16th at 18:06), Ashton Skinner (18th at 18:21) and Sawyer Monroe (20th at 18:36) also scored for the Trailblazers.

As for the other area teams, Fennville was fifth with 181 points, Allegan was eighth with 195 points and Martin was 10th with 254 points.

Allegan Kellen Chalupa (13th at 17:35) and Thomas Sigler (19th at 18:31) each turned in top-20 performances.

Jaciel Ruiz had a team-best 18:45 to place 23rd for Fennville, while Martin's Jadon Dettman was 26th at 18:48.

This was the first of three league jamborees. The jamboree scoring system weighs the first two meets at 25 percent each, with the final jamboree deciding 50 percent of the overall standings.

Saugatuck volleyball bests visiting Coloma

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—Emma Gosler and Tali Laskowski combined for 19 kills and 30 assists for the Saugatuck volleyball team against visiting Coloma on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

That effort helped carry the Trailblazers to the 22-25, 25-18, 27-25, 23-25, 15-12 victory.

"The girls played great tonight, coming together and digging back after a deficit," Saugatuck coach Christina Lewis said.

Gosler paced Saugatuck with 11 kills and 16 assists. Laskowski had eight kills and 14 assists.

"Emma and Tali were beasts on the net," Lewis said.

Laskowski also had 19 digs, which was one better than teammate Gabbie Cochran.

"Tali kept a level head and really led the team on the court tonight," Lewis said.

Jocelyn Johnson added a team-best four aces to go with five kills.

Allegan soccer ties Hackett

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KALAMAZOO—A back-and-forth battle ended in a 2-2 tie when the Allegan boys soccer team traveled to Kalamazoo to face Hackett on Monday, Sept. 15.

Allegan opened the scoring when LJ Dial scored off an assist from Sawyer Wedge early in the game.

Hackett scored the next two goals—one in each half—to go up 2-1 before the Tigers evened it up at 2-2 on that same Wedge (corner kick) to Dial (header) connection.

"The team looked better and had a lot of chances, but we just could not put that last pass or last touch together," Allegan coach Andy Bishop said. "They are moving the ball much better, though."

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Allegan bested Schoolcraft 2-0. Leland McKellips assisted on a goal by Colby Bishop and scored off an assist from Wedge.

Football Results:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Allegan 7 Galesburg-Augusta 37

When Allegan hosted Galesburg-Augusta last season, the game turned out to be a nail-biter, with the Tigers suffering a 17-14 loss.

Unfortunately for Allegan, this year's battle between the teams wasn't quite as close.

Galesburg-Augusta took control and cruised to the 37-7 win, dropping the Tigers to 1-2.

"We came out strong, but then shot ourselves in the foot early with mistakes and penalties," Allegan coach Tony Danzig said. "We will clean that up."

Hauk Henrickson accounted for the lone Allegan touchdown, finding the end zone on a 29-yard run. Myles Jackson made good on the extra-point kick.

Brandon Thrash paced the Tigers with 58 rushing yards, while Keegan Rhoda added 32. Bradyn Kosiorowski had 55 receiving yards.

Dylan Ritsema led the Allegan defense with 11 tackles, while Henrickson was close behind with 10.5.

TJ Jameson and Aiden Moyer added six tackles each.

"I thought we ran the ball well, but we were not consistent on offense or defense," Danzig said. "When the defense gets a three and out, we have to move the ball on offense. Everything is fixable, and the team will be back at it Monday."

Hopkins 7 Belding 8

In its battle with Belding on Friday, Sept. 12, Hopkins led the Black Knights in total yards (272-245), first downs (14-13) and third-down efficiency (70 percent to 33 percent).

But it was Belding that led in the category that matters most, squeaking past the Vikings by a final score of 8-7.

Following a scoreless first quarter, the Vikings got the scoreboard first thanks to a kickoff return for a touchdown and a successful PAT in the second stanza.

But Belding got a 60-yard TD run from Ethan King followed by a conversion run from Teegan VanDyken in the third quarter to go ahead for good.

Brayden Harnish led Hopkins with 125 rushing yards on nine carries, while Justin VanWagner added 73 yards on 17 carries.

Merek Zapolnik went 3-of-8 passing for 46 yards. Graycin Ingle, Blake Schwartz and Jackson Iciek each had one reception, with Ingle's covering 37 yards.

Henry Tuenissen paced the Hopkins defense with eight tackles, followed by Iciek with 6.5.

Otsego 6 Three Rivers 31

Just as was the case the previous week in a loss to Berrien Springs, Otsego had scoring opportunities when the Bulldogs hosted Three Rivers for homecoming on Friday, Sept. 12.

But as was the case in the Berrien Springs game, a lack of success in the red zone proved costly as Otsego lost 31-6 to slip to 1-2.

"We have to finish in the red zone," Otsego coach Damien Ross said. "That has hurt us in the last two weeks. In fact, when you look at how the games unfolded and the flow of the game, one could argue lack of red zone offense is the difference between us being 1-2 and 3-0.

A couple positives Ross took from the game was the running game (192 yards from three ball carriers) and the ability to control time of possession.

"The biggest thing that stood out to me was our ball control," he said. "We had multiple double-digit play possessions against Three Rivers and we'll need the same against Niles in our next game."

Lane Blanchard and Alex Babin led the Bulldogs in tackles with seven and five, respectively.

Plainwell 6 Vicksburg 49

Plainwell was hoping for its first 3-0 start since 2021 when it hosted Vicksburg on Friday, Sept. 12.

But Vicksburg had different ideas, handing the Trojans a 49-6 loss.

"Vicksburg is a very talented team," Plainwell coach Brian Huberty said. "We didn't take advantage of early mistakes and that hurt us."

Luke Filkins went 6-of-15 passing for 157 yards and a touchdown in the loss.

Drew Rayman had four catches for 74 yards, while Chib Amaezechi had three catches for 95 yards.

Amaezechi also had a team-best six tackles.

"The goal is to learn from this game and move forward towards our next opponent (Three Rivers)," Huberty said.

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Boys Cross Country Preview:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

Staying healthy is always a key factor for cross country teams.

It's especially important for Allegan, however.

With five runners on the roster, the Tigers will need each team member to start—and finish—each race in order to secure a team score.

"I am excited for five runners to compete as a team and hopefully form a tight group of runners," Allegan coach Paula Chalupa said.

Junior Kellen Chalupa leads the way for Allegan after breaking the 17-minute mark late in his sophomore season.

"Kellen has some great goals he hopes to accomplish," Coach Chalupa said. "He has put in a lot of mileage and training in the off-season."

Junior Cooper Prentice and sophomore Brandon Beckers join Kellen Chalupa as returning runners.

"Cooper has started this year leaps and bounds of where he was last year at the start of the year," Coach Chalupa said. "Brandon did not finish the year, so happy to see him return. Once he is in shape and is focused, he will go far."

Sophomore Loghan Murphy and freshman Thomas Sigler are the team's newcomers.

"Loghan is no stranger to running, as he competed in middle school cross and track," Coach Chalupa said. "He is a competitive person and fun to watch race.

"And we're excited to have Tommie on the team. He has been a great runner in middle school. He has started well and hoping he can be in the 16s by the end of the season."

Kellen Chalupa is the top runner for Allegan again this season. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

MARTIN

A large freshmen class has given the Martin roster a boost.

And exactly how many freshmen on the team, you ask?

Six, meaning that group makes up exactly half of the roster for coach Kristin Evers.

"We have a strong freshman class, which is great for the program," Evers said. "Lance Kaylor is already impacting our top five early in the season."

In addition to Kaylor, the freshmen contingent includes Hayden Klintworth, Logan Tenbrink, Xander Ruiter, Gavin Keeler and Colin Kennedy.

Junior Johnny Mezo is also new to the team.

Five returning runners—the junior quartet of Jadon Dettmann, Hunter Hayes, Gari Salvador and Nico Cruz along with sophomore Jeremiah VanHouten—complete the roster.

"We have some upperclassmen that have put in a lot of miles this summer," Evers said. "We are looking this year to be more competitive as a team.

"Our goals are to improve our placing in the SAC conference and increase our qualifiers for the state meet."

In the SAC last season, the Clippers finished 11th.

"Another goal is to have some of our runners in All-Conference positions," Evers said. "So far, things are going very well."

OTSEGO

The graduation of five seniors—Caleb Wesseldyk, Holten Mulherin, Aidan Goodwin, Logan VanHouten and Matthew Long—has left a significant void on the Otsego roster.

Longtime coach Steve Long is confident returning senior Kenny Sheffer and returning junior Gunnar Djerf are among those who can help pick up the slack.

"After graduating five seniors last year, this is definitely a rebuilding year this year," Coach Long said. "But Kenny and Gunnar have been fantastic captains and shown good leadership and with a strong incoming freshman class, I think we can still have a pretty solid year.

"We will look to reclaim our conference title, qualify to the state final and continue our streak of top 10 finishes at the state finals. All are tough, but attainable goals for this young group."

In addition to Sheffer and Djerf, the sophomore trio of Kaleb Koestner, Trevor Meyer and Liam Raseman return.

Freshmen newcomers are George Whitaker, Jack DeBoer, Kingston Lennan and Ryan Long.

"Kenny and Gunnar have done a great job getting the younger athletes involved," Long said. "It's a really close knit-group of boys this year. But we lack experience and depth, so we'll count on younger runners learning quickly this season."

Coach Long sees defending Wolverine Conference champion Three Rivers as one of the team that could be in contention for the title again this year, along with Plainwell, Vicksburg and Paw Paw.

"I really think there are about four or five teams that could come away with the title this year," he said. "Like always, this is a really fun group of guys with high goals and are working hard to accomplish those goals."

PLAINWELL

If senior experience translates into success, then this should be a very successful season for Plainwell.

Coach Scott Evans' squad has eight returning seniors on the roster, led by defending individual Wolverine Conference champ Donovan Ryan.

"We have a big senior class this season, so we are hoping to get the team to state this season," Evans said. "In addition, we have a lot of younger kids, and we are hoping to see them have some success to fill the shoes that the seniors are going to leave."

In addition to Ryan, the group of returning seniors includes Trent Hansen, Hiro Nguyen, Jack Sherer, Joseph Hoffman, Lex Ruimveld, Loehn Lockett and Aiden Mallory.

Junior Will Justice also returns.

Newcomers include freshmen Alex Gilbert and Colton Mull.

"We have numbers this season," Evans said. "We are around 24 runners and each day they are challenging each other to get better.

"The team is coming along this season, but we are struggling with the loss of our number two and five from last year. I think as we get closer to October, those shoes will be filled."

It's a group that Evans believes should be in the top half of what appears to be a highly competitive Wolverine Conference.

"The conference this year is one of the tougher ones that I have seen in my coaching career," said Evans, who is starting his 18th year with Plainwell. "(Defending champs) Three Rivers looks like the team to be beat, with Edwardsburg close behind. Otsego looks good already this season as well.

"I think if we could finish fourth in the conference right now, the season will be a success."

SAUGATUCK

With a team comprised primarily of sophomores and freshmen last season, Saugatuck won SAC and regional championships before placing runner up at the Division 3 State Finals.

With all of the varsity runners from that team back this year, longtime Saugatuck coach Rick Bauer is excited to see how the season unfolds.

"If healthy, these young men believe they can run with anyone," Bauer said. "They hope to be in the hunt for SAC, regional and state titles this season. We brought everyone one back from last season's state runner-up team, so this should be a fun season."

Plainwell's Donovan Ryan is the defending Wolverine Conference champion. (File photo)

Senior Sammy Gamboa join the junior trio of Sawyer Monroe, Marcus Silva and Grant Rehkopf and the sophomore trio of Ira Brown, Jackson Bowman and Ashton Skinner as the returning runners who were part of last year's state team.

"Last year we had three freshman, three sophomores and a junior (in the top seven)," Bauer said. "They were young, but on the biggest stage they came through and gained valuable racing experience. They do a great job of holding each other accountable."

Senior Isaac Cruz and sophomore Chase Skinner also return, while freshmen Emmett Adams, Leo Avalos and Simon Carr are new to the roster.

And while Bauer is confident in his team's ability, he knows winning another SAC title will be no easy task.

"We expect to have a difficult league season as Black River and Kalamazoo Hackett are perennial powers and return great squads," he said.

Still, Bauer wouldn't trade his runners for any other team's roster.

"These guys have grown as runners but more importantly as people and leaders," he said. "This has been one of my favorite groups to coach. They challenge me as a coach, and they challenge each other."

WAYLAND

Junior Mason Fein and senior Ethan Manning are the top two returning runners for Wayland this season.

But their value to the team goes well beyond just the times they are posting in races.

"Mason and Ethan are both returning runners who are doing a fantastic job assisting me in my first year as head coach," Wayland coach Nikki Hoogewind said. "They are both providing a lot of leadership and guidance."

Senior Marsell Azzarella, juniors Jackson Byers and Kyan Lawrence and freshmen Carter Bultje and Shayne Krasinski round out the seven-man roster.

"We have three returning runners and four new runners this season," Hoogewind said. "So we are a young team. But we have dedicated runners who are willing to put in the hard work and want to improve."

Given that work ethic and desire to get better, Hoogewind believes this should be a fun season.

"Our season goals are to continue to move up in the conference standings and hope to qualify runners for the state meet," she said.

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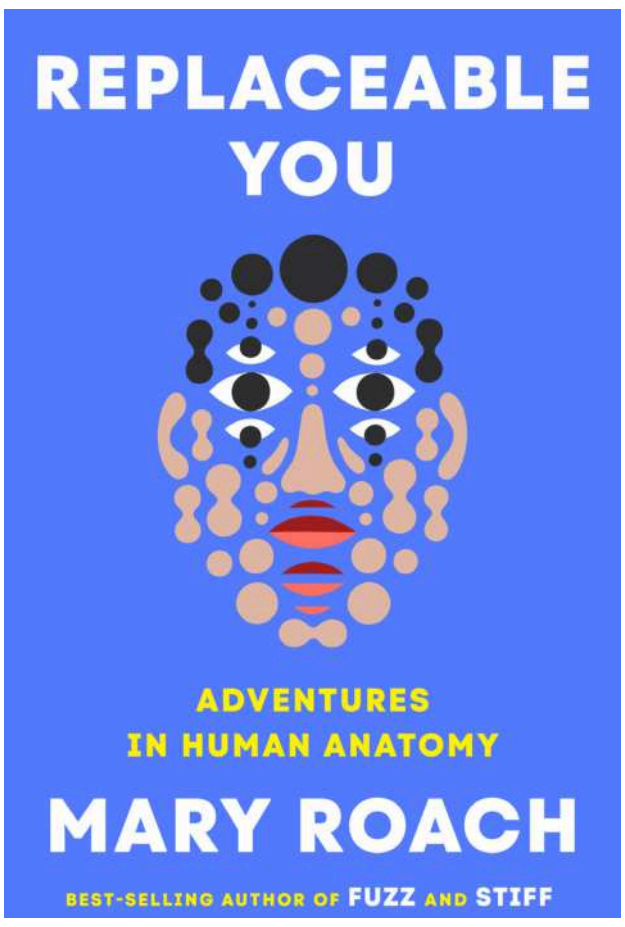

Book worm: Replaceable You

"Replaceable You: Adventures in Human Anatomy"

by Mary Roach

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$28.99 • 288 pages

The "love handles" around your middle kind of bother you.

Heavy sigh. You'd like them gone but dental work is taking all your money for now. If you were honest, you'd have that balding spot fixed, too - and don't forget new knees, which you'll need soon enough. As in the new book, **"Replaceable You" by Mary Roach**, are you falling apart or, like Humpty Dumpty, are you being put together again?

Poor old George Washington.

Most of his portraits portray him as a grump but there's a reason: George's false teeth hurt his mouth something terrible; even keeping his lips together was difficult. No doubt, he'd be amazed at what dentists do with implants these days.

But teeth, of course, aren't the only things we tinker with.

Take, for instance, noses.

Once was a time when losing a nose was big punishment or a front-and-center sign of diseases that no one wanted to catch. Sufferers were shunned either way, so devices were made to fashion a nose-ish nose but they looked a lot like Groucho glasses. Using the skin from animals was tried, but it wasn't permanent enough.

Enter rhinoplasty, one of the first plastic surgeries.

Doctors weren't done with animals, though. To fix or save lives, attempts were made using donor animals including sheep, dogs, frogs, and pigs, the latter of which may surprise you. As it turns out; pig hearts can be transplanted to needful humans and their skin can help burn victims if self-donating isn't an option. Pigs, in fact, can be genetically modified for tissue or organ donor use.

Ostomies can make a person's life better, and the colon isn't just for elimination. Amputation isn't always unwanted, woodworkers and orthopedists have a lot in common, and one must be wary of sourcing hair transplants.

As for organ donating, says Roach, it's tricky - so tricky, it's a wonder that it works.

Swap it out.

Those are words you may hear at least once a week. Tech doesn't work? Swap it out. The delight inside "Replaceable You" is that swapping out is infinitely possible in everyday life, to help, to enhance, and to save.

The science in medicine can be complicated, but no problem: author Mary Roach teaches readers as she learns, which makes things easier to understand. Roach writes *to* readers, not *at* them, thus putting you in the action alongside her.

Her hands-on way of research also makes this makes science fun, too, as she volunteers for a few of the procedures she writes about, and she takes us along on trips around the world to view where work in various relevant scientific fields is done. This also takes some of the stigma out of procedures we don't discuss much, and it makes the fear melt away, too.

Readers who grew up on *The Six Million Dollar Man* or *The Bionic Woman,* and those who've had a procedure or two done will enjoy "Replaceable You." For sure, if you love science and want to learn something fun, you can handle it.

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HMS to hold Fifth Annual Hawkeye Hometown Tailgate

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

From 5 to 7 p.m., on this Friday, September 19th, the Hamilton Community will come together for the Fifth Annual Hawkeye Hometown Tailgate. The event takes place at Hamilton Middle School and Cultivate Community Church, just steps away from the high school football stadium, where the Hawkeyes will face Grand Rapids West Catholic at 7 p.m.

Started as a way to bring to the community back together during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Hometown Tailgate has grown into a signature event on the community calendar, drawing hundreds of families, students, and alumni each year. Organizers describe it as a big community party.

This year's tailgate features a wide range of activities. Children can enjoy bounce houses, a petting zoo, face painting, balloon twisting, and a kids' area geared toward ages four and under. Older students and adults will have to test their athleticism, with a rock wall, dunk tank, bounce jump, football throw, and mini golf. New this year is laser tag and a live concert by local band Boy's Gone Mild, featuring "dad rock favorites." Other local performers will also be showing off their talents.

Food is another central attraction at the tailgate. Miller Creek Tavern will provide meals for purchase, The Knot Spot will serve its popular pretzels, and an ice cream truck will be on hand to satisfy sweet cravings. Picnic seating and a large, designated seating area give families space to gather and enjoy dinner together. Pre-ordered event T-shirts from The Homestead Tee will also be available for pickup during the evening.

Community partners are a significant part of the tailgate as well. The Allegan County Sheriff's Department will display a SWAT vehicle, and the Hamilton Fire Department will have a fire truck on-site. Local sponsors, more than 40 in total this year, help make the event possible and demonstrate the breadth of support behind the celebration.

Parking is available through the M-40 campus entrance and the west entrance of Hamilton High School. For safety, 136th Avenue between the high school and 48th Street will be closed from 4:45 to 7 p.m. Restrooms will be open inside the West Gym of Hamilton Middle School and at Cultivate Community Church.

The tailgate is free to attend, and organizers encourage all members of the community to participate, regardless of whether they plan to attend the football game afterward. For many, the event has become a tradition that signals the beginning of fall in Hamilton, combining the excitement of Friday night football with the fellowship of neighbors gathering in one place. More information can be found on the event's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/eve nts/1196752578762451/?active_tab=discussion

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Hopkins to celebrate First Annual Vikings Day

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

The Village of Hopkins is preparing for a spirited new celebration when the First Annual Viking Day makes its debut on next Saturday, September 27. The Village Park, at 128th Avenue and Franklin Street, will serve as the backdrop for an afternoon of family-friendly games, a chili cook-off, and an evening bonfire.

The festivities begin with the Viking Family Games at 3 p.m., featuring challenges such as Planko, the Sucker Tower, and Viking Ducks. These games promise fun for children and adults alike while setting a lively tone for the rest of the day.

At 4 p.m., the Viking Ship Race begins. Crews of four are tasked with building a "Viking ship" to carry bed-race style across the lawn of the Village Square. The race is a thrilling contest of speed, stamina, and perhaps a bit of flair, culminating in the winner being crowned Best Viking — although prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third places.

From 5 through 7 p.m., the Hopkins Fire Barn will host the Hopkins Organization of Parents & Educators' (H.O.P.E)

Chili Cook-Off. For only $5, participants can purchase a flight of chili, oyster crackers, and two voting tickets to crown the best chili in town. All proceeds raised will directly benefit the students and teachers of Hopkins Elementary, and the best chili cook will win a basket full of Vikings spirit wear.

Simultaneously, the event shifts toward evening with a Community Bonfire starting at 5 p.m. and continuing through 9 p.m. Hopkins residents are invited to gather around the fire for warmth, conversation, and the closing moments of what organizers hope will become a meaningful tradition.

Viking Day is the product of collaboration among Hopkins Hometown Celebrations, H.O.P.E., Acclaimed Catering, S&S Bailey's, Hopkins Public Schools, and other local partners. Additional details, including entry or participation requirements and any updates, are expected to be shared through the event's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/events/2586915608314981/?active_tab=discussion

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Sept. 18, 1950

Saugatuck has school poser: The state fire marshall has ordered the board of education to cease holding classes in two private homes and a summer hotel.

Due to lack of space caused by last spring's devastating fire which razed one wing of the village school, the board temporarily set up classes in residences owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Floto.

Fifty-four students have been accommodated in this way.

The order to shut down classes in the Brady and Bird homes will be effective today. The Floto house, with some changes, has been approved by the fire marshall.

Several public buildings in the village have been approved for school use by the marshall.

Sept. 18, 1975

71-year-old pedals to Allegan County Fair: Alva Smith woke up in his Grand Rapids home last Wednesday, ate a hearty breakfast of beef tongue and water, hopped on his one-speed bicycle and pedalled his way to the Allegan County Fair.

Wednesday was Senior Citizen's Day and at the age of 71, he could easily qualify for the half-price deal. Besides, he expected to turn 72 on Sunday and thought it would be a good pre-birthday present to himself.

The 45-mile trip was worth it, he said. He was admitted free thanks to the generosity of fair officials. He also saw the steam engine tractor (his favorite fair feature), renewed a few friendships and got away from his Grand Rapids neighborhood that has been a big headache to him.

"The ride isn't any trouble," the grey-haired, grey-capped septogenarian said. "On hills, I stand up one the pedals going up and coast when I am going down. It depends on the wind."

Sept. 21, 2000

Hopkins dedicates middle school: When Hopkins dedicated a renovated middle school Sunday, Sept. 17, the ritual celebrated more than a renewal of a decrepit high school into a sparkling, well-appointed home for sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

It marked the final act in a $20.9 million building project that left almost no corner of the school district untouched in some way.

Superintendent George Stamas noted that voters approved the bond issue for facilities improvement, on a sixth try, four years before almost to the day.

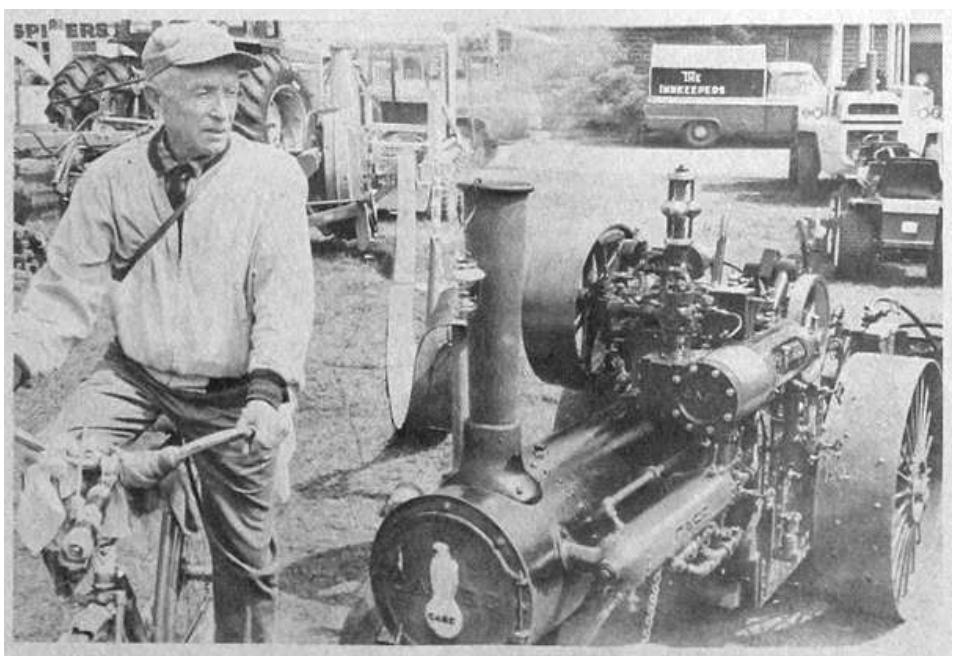
He described the overall building project as tremendous.

"Feel pride in today," Stamas told an audience of hundreds at the dedication. "Pride in yourselves. Pride in this wonderful community of Hopkins."

Sunday's ceremonies capped and closed the four-year project.

"This day represents the symbolic renewal of this building into Hopkins Middle School," Stamas said.

The 1996 bond issue allowed the district to build a new bus garage, more than double the size of Sycamore Elementary School near Dorr with a V-shaped addition, renovate Hopkins Elementary School, build a new high school and turn the old high school next door into a middle school.



All the way by bicycle came 72-year-old Alva Smith of Grand Rapids to visit the Allegan County Fair, including the small steam engine he has his sights on here. Smith travels exclusively by bike and is in good enough shape to ride 90 miles in one day to visit the fair as he did last week. Two years ago he came to the fair twice in two days.

—News & Gazette photo

Sept. 17, 2020

City wrestles with demolition concerns including Mill District: City of Allegan Wrestles with Concerns and Important Decisions

The Study Session before the regular Allegan City Council meeting on September 14, 2020 brought discussion around two note-worthy topics. The first conversation reviewed the development of the Employee Manual that would include the policies and procedures for all city employees. The second focused on unkempt properties within the city limits. Though no decisions came from these discussions, the topics deserve careful consideration.

City of Allegan Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

The framework of the new employee manual contains required elements for employment, expectations and termination. Questions focused first on the Code of Conduct for all employees that requires being polite, courteous and professional; consciously managing interpersonal communication; and respecting organizational hierarchy. Sections that needed more guidelines related to termination with exit interviews and reviews by individuals and peers. Also, more information was required for meeting or travel reimbursements and FMLA. City Manager Dye stated that the questions may be best articulated on the different forms an employee would complete.

Dye shared that 200 Fourth Street and 413 Russell have been demolished, and cost the City $23,200. Though these properties are working their way through the county tax sale process, the money will not be recuperated.

The most intense discussion considered the fate of 152 Mill District, the old Baker furniture factory. Young people are hanging around and breaking in, and though the building is on the verge of collapse, the owner does not want to demolish it.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Part of the Mill District.
Photo by Jordan Wilcox

Deaths

July 20, 2025

MARY JO MCGUCKEN, 69, Allegan

August 19, 2025

HERMELINDA JUANITA CAVAZOS, 68, Fennville

August 24, 2025

BILLY CHARLES CAGLE, 72, Allegan Twp.

August 25, 2025

DONNA LEE JACKSON, 76, Casco Twp.

August 26, 2025

BEVERLY ELIZABETH HUFF, 93, Trowbridge Twp.

August 28, 2025

THOMAS FRANKLIN TEED, 88, Plainwell

BRETT CHARLES DEMOND, 65, Saugatuck

August 29, 2025

ALTHEA MARIE SOPKO, 74, Allegan

August 30, 2025

SCOTT RANDALL DUURSMA, 65, Cheshire Twp.

ROBERT LEE FULLER, 90, Otsego Twp.

August 31, 2025

JAEMS H STOKEN JR, 63, Watson Twp.

GRACEANN BELKA, 89, Wayland

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JAY CALVIN MEYERING, 83, holland

GARY DUANE SCHEIB, 73, Wayland

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MICHAEL ANTHONY OSULLIVAN, 60, Leighton Twp

JANIE PITTS, 95, Fennville

Sept. 7, 2025

SEVERA POBUDA, 92, Allegan Twp.

THOMAS DONALD HERALD, 60, holland

Sept. 8, 2025

CAROL ANN HARMON, 71, Salem Twp

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Sept. 2 and Sept. 10:

SHAYLYNN LEE TOURANGEAU, Allegan, and **ANGEL MIGUEL RIVAS RIOS**, Allegan

STEPHEN THOMAS BOYD, Saugatuck, and **JENNIFER CHRISTINE DAVENPORT**, Saugatuck

SKYLAR RAYE STORA, Wayland, and **DANIEL JOHN ZUIDERVEEN**, Wayland

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HECTOR APREZA VIDAL, Fennville, and **MICHELLE ENNETTE KLEEVES KING**, Fennville

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RUEVIN HULL LONG, Plainwell, and **SARA LYNN HITCHCOCK**, Plainwell

BREANNA MICHELE EDNEY, Otsego, and **KURT JAMES RAY**, Otsego

CALEB ANDREW VANGOEYE, Plainwell, and **RILEY MCKENNA SIBLEY**, Vicksburg

MICHAEL RAY STALEY, Otsego, and **BECKY LOUISE STALEY**, Otsego

NICOLE ASHLEY CLEVELAND, Allegan, and **KYLE DEAN HARNDEN**, Allegan

SARAH JANE PARKER, Otsego, and **MATTHEW HUNTER WHITE**, Otsego

MICHAEL ALLEN STUART, Otsego, and **AMBER MARIE ROSECRANS**, Otsego

TRAVIS JOHN ALLISON, Plainwell, and **LAURA KATHERINE WEAVER**, Plainwell

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ALAYNA JOY TOMLINSON, Fennville, and **DELANEY EARL KRONEMEYER**, Fennville

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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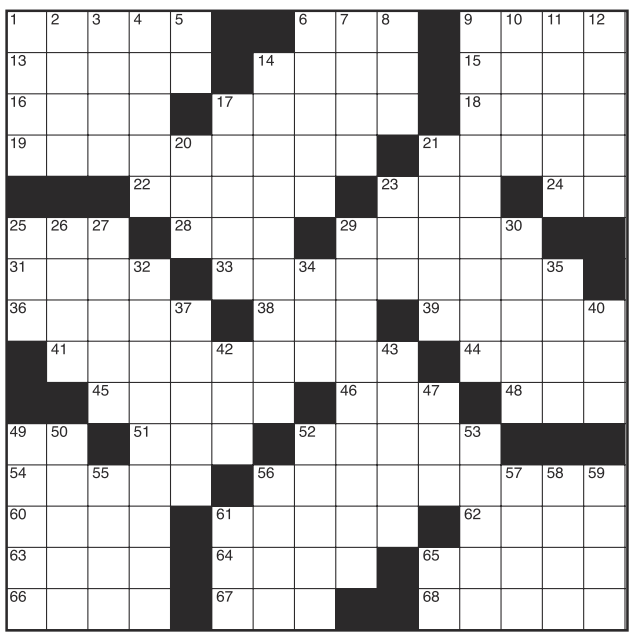

CLUES ACROSS

1. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another's reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Flanks
38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one's public persona(abbr.)
51. Female fish eggs
52. Small petrel of southern seas
54. Edible starches
56. Historical
60. In a place to sleep
61. Horse grooms
62. Off-Broadway theater award
63. Chinese dynasty
64. Resembling a wing
65. Small projection on a bird's wing
66. Of the Isle of Man
67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
68. Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Ancient city in Syria
3. Slog
4. Emits coherent radiation
5. 'Pollock' actor Harris
6. Bleated
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
8. Tooth doctor
9. One who takes apart
10. Commoner
11. Beat poet Ginsberg
12. Cave deposit material
14. Home energy backup
17. Begets
20. Face part
21. Frocks
23. Hill or rocky peak
25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
26. About ear
27. Male parents
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John __, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
59. Give birth to a lamb or kid
61. Unhappy

■ see **Solution**, Page B7

Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ashley N. Rogers, an unmarried woman, whose address is 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERFIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated April 1, 2022, and recorded on April 4, 2022 in Liber 4746 Page 448, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 7, 2024 and recorded on February 7, 2024 in Liber 4919 Page 184, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 50/100 DOLLARS ($161,946.50). Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 26. 412.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 198.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 320.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 198.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 320.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 26 AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: August 28, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6642

(08-28)(09-18)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Saint Joseph County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tammy Smith

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 16, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $77,146.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Constantine, Saint Joseph County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 1, Northpark, according to plat of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for

St. Joseph County, Michigan in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 71.

Common street address (if any): 64517 US Highway 131 N, Constantine, MI 49042-9660

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: August 29, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(08-29)(09-19)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeffrey A. Huey and Betty A. Huey, husband and wife, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, being a mortgage dated March 27, 2013, and recorded on April 2, 2013 in Liber 4419 Page 1, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 7, 2024 and recorded on February 7, 2024 in Liber 4919 Page 183, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 29/100 DOLLARS ($175,755.29). Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 26. 412.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 198.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 320.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 198.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 320.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 26 AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: August 28, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6652

(08-28)(09-18)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael E Northern and Deborah M. Matheson, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): ServBank, N.A. fka ServBank, SB

Date of Mortgage: July 23, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 30, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $251,619.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, thence South 86 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West along the South line of Section 7, 910.64 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 86 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West along the South line of Section 7, 413.00 feet to the East 1/4 1/4 line of Section 7; thence North 02 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West along the East 1/4 1/4 of Section 7, 1321.47 feet to the South 1/4 1/4 of Section 7; thence North 86 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds East along the South 1/4 1/4 of Section 7, 2.64 feet to the Southerly line of Consumers Energy, thence South 57 degrees 37 minutes 48 seconds East along said ROW line, 503.19 feet; thence South 02 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East parallel to the East 1/4 of Section 7, 1026.45 feet to the South line of Section 7 and the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1041 108th Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-9524

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: September 4, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(09-04)(09-25)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christine M. Mosley, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 19, 2007 Recorded on October 26, 2007, Liber 3172, on Page 743, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 44/100 Dollars ($45,454.44) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 Section 35, thence West 330 feet, thence North 264 feet, thence East 330 feet, thence South 264 feet to place of beginning. EXCEPT: Commencing at a point 165 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 as place of beginning, thence West 20 rods, thence North 99 feet, thence East 20 rods, thence South 99 feet to the place of beginning, Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 13 West. Commonly known as 1208 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(09-04)(09-25)

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Master Deed of Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominiums dated October 25, 2001, signed on October 25, 2001, and recorded on November 28, 2001, in Liber 2148, Page 692, et seq., Allegan County, Michigan, Register of Deeds, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 157 (the "Master Deed"). Said default under the Master Deed has resulted in the recordation of a "Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments" by Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominium Association, said Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments being dated June 30, 2025, signed on June 30, 2025, and recorded on July 10, 2025, in Liber 5048, Page 716, Allegan County, Michigan, Register of Deeds (the "Lien") on which Lien there is claimed to be due, as of the date hereon, the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FOUR AND 02/100 DOLLARS ($13,204.02). Under the power of sale contained in the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978, MCL 559.208(2), and Article V, Section 5.5(a) of the Condominium Bylaws, attached as part of said Master Deed, please take notice as follows: Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the liened premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the Lien may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the premises. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Said premises are located in the Township of Saugatuck, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as: UNIT NO 15 GOSHORN LAKE CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 2148 ON PAGE 692 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO (IF ANY), AND DESIGNATED AS ALLEGAN COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 157, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN 229 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963 AND ACT 59 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. Owner(s) of Record: Debra L. Quade Property Address: 3581 65th Street, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453 Parcel ID No. 20-170-015-00 Attention condominium co-owner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien at the telephone number stated in this Notice. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2) unless the property is determined abandoned, then, in that event, the redemption period shall be one (1) month from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2), after which Debra L. Quade and all persons claiming through or under her shall be forever barred from all equity of redemption. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, the owner, Debra L. Quade, will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominium Association for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: September 5, 2025 By: Goshorn Lake Cottage Condominium Association, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation For any inquiries, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien set forth below: Chantelle R. Neumann, Esq. Hirzel Law, PLC 37085 Grand River Avenue, Suite 200 Farmington, Michigan 48335 Phone: (248) 478-1800 Hirzel Law, PLC File No. 19009

(09-11)(10-02)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Christopher Cooper, Individual, to PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2022 and recorded September 29, 2022 in Liber 4802, Page 617 Allegan County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 34/100 Dollars ($64,281.34).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the City of Fennville, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 15 OF ATWATER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FENNVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 14.

229 Wilson Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 11, 2025

File No. 25-011182

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(09-11)(10-02)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

County Bldg. Allegan, MI 49010

FILE NO.: 25-70962

Hon. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

ROHIT JAIN,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ALTA CIMA CORP D/B/A FACTORY HOME CENTER and

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS,

MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff

314 Trowbridge Street

Allegan, MI 49010

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

At a session of court held in the courthouse in

Allegan County, Michigan, Aug. 16, 2025

Present: Matthew Antkoviak P-59449, Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendant All Unknown Claimants by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A): The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(J), that service of process by delivery by publication in Allegan County, Michigan is the best available methods of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff must serve the Defendants All Unknown Claimants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

STATE OF MICHIGAN

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Allegan COUNTY

Summons

Case No. 25-70962

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone number

Rohit Jain

704 38th Street

Allegan, MI 49010

Plainfitt's attomey bar number, address, and telephone number

Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132

314 Trowbridge St.,

Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-2136

v

Defendant's name, address, and telephone number

Alta Cimi Corp D/B/A Factory Expo Home Centers

and All Unknown Claimants

Resident Agent: Paracorp Incorporated

320 N. Meridian Ste 817

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Civil Case

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.

Summons

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy an the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language Interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, plwase contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date 08-21-2025

Experation date: 11-19-2025

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Justin Mohrig and Sarah Mohrig, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Aspire Financial, Inc. DBA Aspire Lending, Mortgagee, dated August 30, 2013 and recorded September 9, 2013 in Liber 3775, Page 42 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 15/100 Dollars ($322,837.15).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Leighton, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS 61 AND 62, GREEN LAKE PARK PLAT ADDITION, LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, KNOWN AS "THE COURT" SINCE DATE OF PLAT; ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 61, THENCE SOUTHEAST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 66 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWEST TO THE LAKE IN A PARALLEL LINE WITH THE NORTHWEST LINE OF LOT 61, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE LAKE SHORE 66 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONSISTING OF AND CONTAINING THAT PARCEL OF LAND LYING BETWEEN LOT 61 AND THE LAKE SHORE OF GREEN LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 36, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS.

4626 Hilltop Drive, Caledonia, Michigan 49316

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 11, 2025

File No. 25-011403

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): LLOYD R. FOSTER III JENNIFER L. FOSTER Formerly Known As Jennifer L. Stratton HUSBAND AND WIFE Original Mortgagee: GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION Date of mortgage: June 21, 1999 Recorded on July 21, 1999, Liber 1866, on Page 62, and re-recorded via Re-Recorded Mortgage on August 16, 1999, Liber 1873, on Page 821, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-6 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 50/100 Dollars ($44,778.50) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: ALL THAT PART OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST WATSON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE SOUTH 80 RODS, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE EAST 19 1/4 RODS, THENCE NORTH TO THE CENTER OF THE EAST AND WEST HIGHWAY, THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID HIGHWAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH LIES EASTERLY OF A LINE 150 FEET EASTERLY OF (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) AND PARALLEL TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 85 DEGREES 45`50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 88.52 FEET AND NORTH 3 DEGREES 35`30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 35`30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2000 FEET TO A POINT OF ENDING. Commonly known as 1198 122nd Ave, Martin, MI 49070 The redemption period will be 12 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-6 Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

ALLEGAN COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. 2025-25065852-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Rosemary Kaiser Date of Birth:*02/22/1935

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rosemary Kaiser, died 05/31/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kate Kaiser c/o Krill Law Firm, Attn: Hillary Krill, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

09/15/2025

Hillary E. Krill P82909

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR ALLEGAN COUNTY

HON. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

File No 25-71046-cz

Martin J. Reed

Plaintiff,

v

Franklin F. Manshem,

Betty J. Manshem

and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & ASSIGNS.

Defendants.

Martin J. Reed (P26028)

138 Hubbard St.

Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-8954

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND POSTING

NOTICE OF ACTION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan on the 10 day of September, 2025.

PRESENT: Hon, Matthew Antkoviak P-59449, Circuit Judge

TO: Franklin F. Manshem & Betty J. Manshem and their Unknown heirs, devisees or assigns and/or any UNNAMED DEFENDANTS who may have an interest in the property which is the subject of this action:

T IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court to quiet title to property located In the City of Allegan, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel #: 0351-205-021-30

E 24.4' OF S 75.76' OF LOT 268 O.P. SEC 28 T2N R13W

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court within 30 days after the date of last publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. With respect to Defendants Franklin F. Manshem & Betty J. Manshem, a copy of this Order shall be published each week in The Allegan County News & Gazette, for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this Court.

3. Further, a copy of this Order summons and complaint shall be posted upon the subject parcel.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Allegan County Circuit Judge

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rickie L. Jones and Tamara L. Jones, as husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 5, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $127,480.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, according to the recorded Plat thereof, also commencing at the West most corner of Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West; thence South 43 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East, along the South line of said lot 150 feet to the South most corner of said lot; thence South 13 degrees 13 minutes 48 seconds West, 641.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 15 seconds West 110 feet; thence North 11 degrees 52 minutes 53 seconds East 749.71 feet to the West most corner of Lot 17 and the place of beginning

Common street address (if any): 1962 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8938

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature

Public Notices

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CASE NO. 2025-65825-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Donald Andrew Sevigny Date of Birth:*09/05/1936
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donald Andrew Sevigny, died 07/18/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathleen R. Redder , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
09/10/2025
James L. Koetje P32089
4095 Chicago Drive, SW, Ste. 105
Grandville, MI 49418
616-534-9637
Kathleen R. Redder
1986 8th Street
Martin, MI 49070
269-792-9160

TO ALL CREDITORS: The Grantor, Gail Rantz (date of birth May 8, 1946), who lived at 517 124th Ave., Shelbyville, Michigan 49344, died August 5, 2025. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the William D. and Gail Rantz Trust, dated October 10, 2005, as Amended, will be forever banned unless presented to Trustee, Kimberly S. Chamberlin within four months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Date: September 9, 2025 ATTORNEY: William D. Howard (P36886) Howard Law Group 25 Ionia Ave. SW – Ste 230 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-6000 TRUSTEE: Kimberly S. Chamberlin 655 112th Avenue Martin, MI 49070 (269) 720-0196
(09-18)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jessica Hanna, single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 26, 2018
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 6, 2018
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $180,469.36
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Leighton, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 57, Paris Ridge Estates III, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, Page 62.
Common street address (if any): 322 Eagle Dr, Caledonia, MI 49316-9337
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 18, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(09-18)(10-09)

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: DANIELLE MARIE COLE has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 9:00 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of:
DANIELLE MARIE COLE to DANIELLE MARIE MORAN
MCKENNA ANN-MARIE COLE to MCKEENA ANN-MARIE MORAN
KLARISSA ALANE COLE to KLARISSA ELIZABETH MORAN
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In the ninth chapter of St Mark's Gospel, we read about another type of goat. We are told that Jesus and the disciples were walking through Galilee, and as people do when they are on a hike, they were talking. In this case they were vying for the title of GOAT-D - Greatest Of All Time Disciple. Which one of them was the most important? Who was closest to Jesus, the hardest worker, the smartest, the over-all best?

Jesus asked about their conversation, and the disciples reluctantly and perhaps very shame-facedly told him. Our Lord's response was to tell them to knock it off. It is not our status that counts; it is participating in the Kingdom of God and doing our part to promote it.

That also means we sometimes must back off and be certain we understand why someone does something.

Years ago, I got to know Elmer B., an elderly farmer who had the nickname of the King of Glads. It turned out to be for his flowers, and not a cheery disposition. He was a truly sour and unhappy man. For decades he had won most of the ribbons in the floral department at the county fair, and they were all carefully attached to some wires than ran the length of the front parlor. The slightest breeze set the blowing and fluttering.

He brushed a couple of sleeping cats off a chair and ordered me to sit down. "Most people think I did it to puff myself up," he said pointing to the ribbons. "Or because of the prize money." He pulled a Funks seed corn notebook out of the pocket of his overalls and said, "I figure I made about $200 in prize money over the years. So, I guess you can say I didn't do it for the money. I did it because I enjoyed growing gladiolas. And I kept the ribbons because they were nice enough to give it to me. After a while it became a habit. So did giving away the flowers to the churches."

When he died two years later a few people told of how Elmer's glads had turned up at every church event in the area, and how brides came to select a stem or two. Others mentioned a bouquet would turn up at the front desk of the hospital or nursing home. No name attached to it, but everyone knew where they came from.

When I read and study this passage, I think of Elmer and so many others who simply get on with doing the work of Jesus and give deeply of themselves.

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4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
Pastor Mike Drew
FB:havenreformedchurch

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
www.martinumc.org

Merson Church
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Office: 673-5274
www.mersonchurch.org

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Monterey Center, 49328
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793-7288

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Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
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Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

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269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

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Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
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Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

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223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
410 E. Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
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Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

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269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
502 West Superior, Wayland
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Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

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2025: AD EFFECTIVE DATES

MON. SEPT. 22	TUES. SEPT. 23	WED. SEPT. 24	THUR. SEPT. 25	FRI. SEPT. 26	SAT. SEPT. 27	SUN. SEPT. 28

Michigan Apple Sale

MICHIGAN APPLES

Our Family Gala, McIntosh, Red or Golden Delicious or Fuji Apples
3 lb. bag
2/$5

Michigan Honeycrisp or SweeTango Apples
$1.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Our Family Apple Cider
64 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!

Concord Foods Apple Crisp
8.5 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Marzetti Caramel Dips
Original or Salted Caramel
13.5 oz.
$3.99

Concord Foods Caramel Apple Wraps
6.5 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Seneca Apple Chips
2.5 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Affy Tapple Caramel Apple
each
3/$5

Select Varieties
Affy Tapple Caramel Apples
3 ct.
$4.49

Kraft Caramels
11 oz.
$2.99

Select Varieties
Smithfield Marinated Tenderloin
18.4 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!

Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural
Boneless Center Cut or Butterfly Pork Loin Chops
America's Cut, Thin, Pepper Seasoned or Seasoned America's Cut
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

Select Varieties
General Mills Cereal
10.6 - 12 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!
Save at least $5.79 on 2

Select Varieties
Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
(16.3 oz.), Crescents (8 oz.) or Cinnamon, Orange, Chocolate or Caramel Rolls (12.4 - 13.9 oz.)
BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!
Save at least $3.49 on 2

Our Family Garlic
Texas Toast (14 oz.), Bread Sticks (11.5 oz.) or Bread (16 oz.)
2/$5
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Jack's 12-Inch Original Pizza
14.5 - 16.9 oz.
3/$10
Save at least $4.97 on 3

Select Varieties
Our Family Canned Fruit
14.5 - 15.25 oz.
3/$5
Save at least $1.57 on 2

Our Family Paper Towels
White Select-A-Size
2 ct. ultra huge rolls
$3.99
Save at least $2.50 on 1

Fuel Savings

VILLAGE EXPRESS MARKET

save 15¢ per gallon
Buy (1) 1 1/2 Dozen Large Eggs and receive 15¢ off a gallon of gas
(up to 25 gallons)

save 25¢ per gallon
Spend $80 or more in groceries and receive 25¢ off a gallon of gas
(up to 25 gallons)

total savings 40¢ per gallon
Buy (1) 1 1/2 Dozen Large Eggs and Spend $80 or more in groceries and receive 40¢ off a gallon of gas
(up to 25 gallons)

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Fresh Produce

Halos Clementines
2 lb. bag
$4.99

At Great Prices!

Select Varieties
Fresh Express Chopped Salad Kits
9.4 - 12.3 oz.
2/$7

Our Family Yellow or Red Potatoes
5 lb. bag
2/$6

Molly Pop Red Seedless Grapes
$2.99 lb.

Sunset Angel Sweet Tomatoes
pint **$2.99**

Celery Hearts
each **$1.99**

Blackberries or Red Raspberries
6 oz.
2/$5

Organic PRODUCE

Select Varieties
Earthbound Farm Organic Salad Mixes
5 oz.
2/$7

Organic Honeycrisp Apples
2 lb. pouch bag
$4.99

floral center

Oktoberfest Bouquet
each **$16.99**

Coffee & Roses Bouquet
each **$12.99**

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Boar's Head
Available At Our Allegan Location Only.

Boar's Head Pitcraft Slow Smoked Turkey
$12.99 lb.

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$12.49 lb.

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$8.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

Old Tyme Deli White or Yellow American Cheese
$6.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

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Old Fashioned, Football, Olive or Pickle ..... **$7.99** lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

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Save at least 50¢ lb.

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Save at least 50¢ lb.

Grab 'N Go
12-Piece Deli Fried Chicken
$17.99
Save at least $1.00

BBQ Pork Rib Bites
$8.99 lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

$5.99

Daily Lunch Specials
Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, Sept. 22:
1/2 Panini of the Day
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Tuesday, Sept. 23:
Meatloaf
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Wednesday, Sept. 24:
2-Piece Chicken
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side (1 Breast Limit)

Thursday, Sept. 25:
Pork Chop
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Friday, Sept. 26:
4-Piece Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Fresh Bakery
Not Available In All Stores.

Cracked Wheat Bread
18 oz.
$3.29
Save at least 70¢

Brat Buns
6 ct.
$2.99
Save at least 50¢

Apple or Dutch Apple Pies
8-inch
$7.99
Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties
Strudel Bites
12 ct.
(includes apple)
$2.99
Save at least $1.00

Our Family Apple Danish Coffee Cake
14 oz.
$5.49
Save at least 50¢

Apple Turnovers
4 ct.
$4.59
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Boneless Baby Back Ribs

Regular or BBQ

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FREE!

Boneless Center Cut Half Pork Loin $2.49 lb.

Fresh

Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast

Family Pack

$3.49 lb.

Lesser Amount Pkg. $3.69 lb.

Village Market, All Natural

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$3.69 lb.

Certified Fresh

Ground Beef From Chuck

3 lb. or more pkg.

$5.49 lb.

Village Market, Fresh Ground Chuck Burger Patties $6.99 lb.

Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural

Bone-In Pork Loin Sirloin End Chops

Regular, Thin, Thick or BBQ

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus

Boneless Beef Bottom Round Rump Roast or Family Pack Steak

$5.99 lb.

Lesser Amount Pkg. $6.99 lb.

Village Market, All Natural

Bone-In Pork Loin Sirloin End Roast

$1.99 lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus

Boneless Beef Top Sirloin Steak

Family Pack

$11.99 lb.

Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Select Varieties
Village Market, Store Made
Brats
$3.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh
Bulk Cheddar Breakfast Sausage
$3.29 lb.

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Original Bulk Pork Breakfast Sausage
Family Pack
$2.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh
Original Pork Breakfast Sausage Links
Family Pack
$3.99 lb.

Smithfield Bacon
Original or Thick Cut Cherrywood Smoked
12 oz.
$5.99

Select Varieties
Eckrich Smok-Y Links
8.3 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Armour Meatballs
11 - 14 oz.
$2.99

Select Varieties
Hart Entrées
22 - 32 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Lunch Meat
15 - 16 oz.
(excludes beef)
$9.99

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Jumbo, Bunlength or Chicken (16 oz.), **Cotto Salami** or Select Varieties **Bologna** (12 oz.)
(excludes beef)
2/$4

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Catfish Nuggets
$2.99 lb.

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8 oz. ..... **2/$5**

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(19 - 26.4 oz.) or **Mrs. Paul's Shark Bites**
(18 - 23 oz.)
$5.99

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28 oz.
4/$5

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16 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Our Family Croutons
5 oz.
4/$5

Cheez-It Grab 'N Go Crackers
Regular or White Cheddar
3 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Pringles Single Serve Potato Crisps
2.36 - 2.5 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Gold Peak Tea
18.5 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
BodyArmor Drinks
16 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Tippy Toes Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. pouch
4/$5

Our Family Mashed Potatoes
Homestyle or Loaded
4 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Cheetos Mac 'N Cheese
5.6 - 5.9 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Annie's Mac & Cheese Dinner
(5.25 - 6 oz. box) or
Single Cup (2.01 oz.)
4/$5

Select Varieties
Nissin Noodle Cups
2.54 - 4 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Manwich Sloppy Joe Sauce
15 - 16 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Our Family Soup
10.5 - 10.75 oz.
4/$5

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products (8 pk., 12 oz. btls.) (plus deposit) or **Dasani Water** (24 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
$6.99

Kendall Jackson Chardonnay Wine
750 ml
$13.99

Select Varieties
Planters Peanuts
16 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Maxwell House Ground Coffee
9.9 - 11.5 oz.
$6.49
Save at least $1.30 on 1

Select Varieties
Nabisco Snack Crackers
Ritz, Wheat Thins, Better Cheddars, Sociables, Chicken in a Biskit, Triscuit or Good Thins
3.5 - 13.7 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties
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9.5 - 11.25 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $2.48 on 2

Assorted Varieties
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6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls. (plus deposit)
2/$10
Save at least $3.98 on 2

Assorted Varieties
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12 pk., 16 oz. cans (plus deposit)
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Coors: Light or Banquet or **Miller Lite** (15 pk., 12 oz. cans), **The Finnish Long Drink:** Traditional, Zero, Cranberry or Peach (6 pk. cans), **Coors:** Banquet or Light or **Miller Lite** (9 pk. aluminum btls.) **Coors:** Light or Banquet or **Miller:** Genuine Draft or Lite (12 pk. btls.) (plus deposit)
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8 - 11 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.58 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products (2 liter) (plus deposit) or **Lipton Iced Tea** or **Pure Leaf** (64 oz.)
2/$5

Assorted Varieties
Lipton Tea (12 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.) or **Pure Leaf** (6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
$5.99

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products (12 pk., 12 oz. cans) (plus deposit) or **Gatorade Sports Drinks** (8 pk., 20 oz. btls.)
$6.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Bugles, Chex Mix or Gardetto's Snacks
7 - 8.6 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Lay's Potato Chips
5 - 8 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $2.98 on 2

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Select Varieties
Campbell's SpaghettiOs
15.6 - 15.8 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Red Gold Tomatoes
14.5 - 15 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Hunt's Pasta Sauce
24 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Bush's Best Beans
15 - 16 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Frostie Soda
32 oz.
(plus deposit)
4/$5

Select Varieties
Chobani Yogurt
5.3 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Daisy 4% Cottage Cheese with Fruit
6 oz.
4/$5

Country Fresh Purified Drinking Water
gallon
4/$5

Goodrich Malt Cup
each
4/$5

Select Varieties
Dairy Pure or TruMoo Milk Chug
11 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Banquet Pot Pie
7 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Michelina's Frozen Dinners
(8 - 8.5 oz.) or **Pop'n Chicken** or **Snack Rolls** (4.5 oz.)
4/$5

Select Varieties
Birds Eye Steamfresh Vegetables
10 - 10.8 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
Chicken of the Sea Tuna
5 oz.
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Select Varieties
Sunbelt Fruit & Grain Bars
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2/$6

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64 oz.
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46 oz.
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(8 ct.) or **Soft 'N Good Giant White Bread**, **Sunbeam Whole Grain White Bread** or **Giant White Bread** or **Holsum King Bread** (22 oz.) or **Hillbilly Bread** (20 oz.)
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Aunt Mille's Bagels (6 ct.) or **Cinnamon Bread** or **Raisin Cinnamon Bread** (16 oz.)
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8 - 10.3 oz.
$5.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
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(6 - 10 ct.) or **Old Fashioned** or **Quick Oats** (18 oz.)
2/$6
Save at least $3.48 on 2

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Real or Light (30 oz.) or Squeeze Real or Light (20 oz.)
$5.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Barilla Pasta
Regular, Gluten Free, Protein Plus or Al Bronzo (8 - 16 oz.), **Pasta Sauce** (24 oz.) or **Pesto** (6.2 - 6.5 oz.)
2/$5
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Bertolli Pasta Sauce
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Regular or Ultra Free (73 - 88 oz.) or **Mighty Packs Free & Clear** (39 ct.)
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Ultra Soft or Ultra Strong
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52 oz.
$2.99
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(6 ct.), **Regular** or **Light + Fit Yogurt** (32 oz.) or **Activia** or **YoCrunch Yogurt** (4 ct.)
2/$6
Save at least $1.78 on 2

Our Family 1% Lowfat or Fat Free Milk
gallon
$3.29
Save at least 70¢ on 1

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Country Fresh Dips or Sour Cream
12 - 16 oz.
2/$5
Save at least 78¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese
2 lb. (excludes swiss)
$7.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Land O Lakes Spreadable Butter
8 oz. bowl
$1.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Kozy Shack Pudding
22 oz. tub or 6 pk., 4 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Kraft Deli Sliced Cheese, 7 - 8 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.78 on 2

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Hudsonville Ice Cream
48 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Jack's 12-Inch Original Pizza
14.5 - 16.9 oz.
3/$10
Save at least $4.97 on 3

Select Varieties
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Nutty Buddy Cones (4 ct.) or **Ittibitz** (6 ct.)
2/$7
Save at least $2.98 on 2

Select Varieties
El Monterey Taquitos
21 - 24.2 oz.
$7.49
Save at least $1.50 on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Hash Browns, Tater Puffs or Crowns
22.5 - 32 oz.
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Save at least 60¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Regular or Steamable Vegetables
10 - 14 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Select Varieties
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9 - 11 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.38 on 2

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16 ct.
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Save at least $3.00 on 1

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each
$19.99

Select Varieties
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17.5 oz.
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$7.99

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6 ct.
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Select Varieties
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Select Varieties
TopCare Mouthwash
1 liter
$3.59

Select Varieties
TopCare Diphedryl Allergy
24 ct. caplets, tablets or soft gels
2/$6

Energizer Max AA or AAA Batteries
8 ct.
$11.99

Select Varieties
Irish Spring Body Wash
30 oz.
$7.49

Select Varieties
Head & Shoulders Shampoo, Conditioner or 2-in-1
20.7 oz.
$9.99

Select Varieties
Dial Bar Soap
(8 ct.), **Complete Foaming Hand Wash Refill** (30 oz.) or **Liquid Hand Soap Refill** (52 oz.)
$8.99

Select Varieties
Tom's of Maine Deodorant
3.25 oz.
$8.99

Select Varieties
Boost Nutrition Shakes
6 ct. or 44 oz.
$11.99

Select Varieties
VO5 Shampoo or Conditioner
15 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Crest Toothpaste
(5.7 oz.) or Kids (4.6 oz.)
2/$5

Select Varieties
Colgate Optic Toothpaste
(3.2 - 4.2 oz.), **360 Toothbrush Soft** (2 ct.) or **Soft with Floss Tip** (each); or **Tom's of Maine Toothpaste** (4 oz.)
$5.99

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OKTOBERFEST

SuperPretzel Bavarian Soft Pretzel Sticks
10 ct.

$5.99

Select Varieties

Schuler's Cheese Spread
8 oz.

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Select Varieties

Mrs. T's Pierogies
16 oz.

2/$7

Select Varieties

Pillsbury Toaster Strudel
6 ct., 11.7 oz.

3/$7

Select Varieties

Our Family Pretzels
10 - 16 oz.

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Kraft Horseradish Sauce
12 oz.

$2.49

Our Family Horseradish Mustard
12 oz.

$2.49

Select Varieties

Nathan's Beef Franks
11 - 12 oz.

$5.99

Select Varieties

Eckrich Sausage Links
(13 - 14 oz.), **Grillers** (14 oz.) or **Smoked** or **Polish Sausage** (12 - 14 oz.)

2/$6

OKTOBERFEST

John Morrell Braunschweiger
16 oz.

$2.99

Armour Summer Sausage
20 oz.

$6.99

Select Varieties
Village Market, Store Made

Brats

$3.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made

Chicago Style Polish Loop Sausage

$3.99 lb.

Our Family Sauerkraut
32 oz. bag

$1.99

Red Cabbage

$1.19 lb.

Great Lakes Oktoberfest
6 pk.
(plus deposit)

$9.99

Sam Adams Octoberfest
6 pk.
(plus deposit)

$9.99

Select Varieties

Angry Orchard Hard Cider
6 pk.

$9.99